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pleasing fluency and harmonious softness of Portuguese, when well spoken, are not more injured by the nasal sound than Spanish is by the guttural; though both characteristics are

offensive in the pronunciation of the vulgar.

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"Into a garden all adorned with green,
Whereof bright flowers bedecked the enamelled

face,
The goddess fair of Love to come was seen,
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"Sweet memories of a glory past in vain, Which Fortune, the despoiler, snatched full blown, Grant me to call one hour of peace mine own,

For conquest over me is small to gain.

My soul large story doth impressed retain

Of this past good which never should have shone, Or, having shone, ne'er fled; but, being flown, Naught but my recollections can remain.

I live in memories; being forgotten die,
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cultivated lay-reader with whose tastes and requirements the author is so intimately acquainted.

I cannot, indeed, agree with Dr. Plumptre in his high estimate of the Book of Ecclesiastes; much less with M. Renan in L'Antéchrist (quoted by our author) when he styles it "livre charmant, le seul livre aimable qui ait été composé par un juif" (I think it would not be difficult to show that M. Renan's extravagant eulogy was the expression of a pessimistic mood from which he afterwards emerged). Powerful and interesting Ecclesiastes certainly is, but it is neither charming nor loveable. For the time when it was written, it is worthy of high respect. But its despairing spirit, and the crudeness and, above all, the tenuity of its thought, place it far below the book which, I think, most nearly resembles it in the circumstances of its composition-the Meditations of M. Aurelius. It can never become a household friend, an ethical classic. Its chief attraction is, perhaps, its enigmatical character. "It has become almost a proverb," says Dr. Plumptre, "that every interpreter of this book thinks that all previous interpreters have been wrong." I think, indeed, that the author does not convey to the young student a very accurate impression of the real state of opinion. Even to mention the theory that Solomon was the author is almost an unnecessary concession to theological prejudice; and how can Dean Milman be an authority on a point of Old Testament criticism? Still, the book is enigmatical, and that from two causesfirst, that we do not know the precise period at which it was written; and, next, that there is great reason to doubt whether we possess the book in the form in which it was left by its author. As long as scholars are inconsistent enough to grant that the historical books have grown, but to deny that the same process of development is traceable in the other books, there will always be this astonishing diversity in the interpretations of critics.

But Dr. Plumptre sets a good example by denying that the epilogue (xii. 9-14) is of the same date as the body of the work, and he has really contributed to make the Book of Ecclesiastes less of a riddle to English readers by assigning it to a definite period. If his theory (which is that of Mr. Thomas Tyler) could only be proved, it would fill up a lacuna not only in the history of Jewish thought, but in that of Greek philosophy. He thinks, in short, that there are in the book traces not to be mistaken of the influence of Stoicism and Epicureanism. This is not, a priori, inconceivable. Stoicism at a somewhat later day exercised a strong fascination on some of the noblest Jews. Philo, the Book of Wisdom, and the socalled Fourth Book of Maccabees abound with allusions to it; and there is a suspicion of the same in the earliest Jewish Sibyl (about 140 B.C.) and in the Targum of Onkelos. Epicureanism, too, must have had considerable influence on some minds, as appears from the aversion which it inspired in the religious teachers-"Epicurean" being, in Rabbianic, a synonym for infidel, or even atheist. The points of contact, however, which Mr. Tyler supposes with Epicureanism in which this work appears may not repel the areby nomeans striking. True, "Ecclesiastes,"

somewhat like the Epicureans, denies any distinction between man and the animals, so far as regards a future life at all worthy of the name, but in so doing he does but carry on the tradition of Jewish conservatism (comp. Job xiv.); and the recommendation of ἀταρatía (to use the Epicurean term), coupled with sensual enjoyment (v. 18-20), is only too natural in one so completely shut off from all fruitful activity. The argument for there being points of contact with Stoicism is of more importance, though, even granting their existence, there will still be the question whether these points are not rather of Western than of Eastern origin. I leave this question, however, only remarking that the date assigned by Dr. Plumptre (viz., somewhere between B.C. 240, the year of the death of Zeno, and B.C. 181, that of the death of Ptolemy Epiphanes) seems to me, although unproved, not in itself altogether improbable. Ecclesiastes is thoroughly un-Judaic, especially when its (probable) later additions have been removed; its sceptical and pessimistic tone is anything rather than characteristic of the most optimistic (Schopenhauer) and the most believing of races. One must at any rate admit that the remark on "making many books," and the caution against reading them in the Epilogue (xii. 12) is most easily explained as a reference to a Greek or Grecising philosophical literature.

Dr. Plumptre's Ideal Biography of the author of Ecclesiastes is a most able work. I cannot accept his view of the "three voices" heard in strange alternation, but heartily admire the skill, sympathy, and literary power with which the view of the autobiographical character of Ecclesiastes is worked out. T. K. CHEYNE.

Eugene Onéguine. By Alexander Pushkin. Translated from the Russian by Lieut.-Col. Spalding. (Macmillan.)

It is strange that no one before Col. Spalding should have introduced to English readers "the chief poetical work of Russia's greatest poet," especially as it is one which is specially suited for their appreciation. A novelette in verse, told in an easy and graphic style, and interspersed with reflections on men and manners, containing bright pictures of scenery sufficiently foreign to be strange and not strange enough to be unfamiliar, always alive and various as life itself, this poem of the Russian Byron would have been sure of a welcome in England at any time since it was written, even if it had not found quite so skilful a translator and versifier as Col. Spalding.

From beginning to end of this clever and delightful story Pushkin never loses an opportunity of showing his admiration for Byron; and it is clear that from him alone, and from Don Juan in particular, he has caught all the charming tricks of nonchalance, the easy turn from grave to gay, the use of wit to brighten cynicism, and the value of cynicism to sharpen wit. He is not, however, a thoroughgoing cynic, but still believes, if against experience, in the nobleness of human nature-even in women. In this respect he is unlike Byron; and Eugene Onéquine has this additional attraction for English readers, that it shows that Byron's

influence upon one of his most distinguished contemporaries was almost wholly beneficial, mobilising his poetic faculty to an extent otherwise impossible, without infecting him with any of those specially Byronic maladies which, painful enough in Byron himself, are unbearable in his imitators.

But Byron is not the only great English writer of whom we are reminded in reading Eugene Onéquine; and we do not think that we could say anything about this volume which would be a stronger assertion of its originality than that it recals George Eliot as much, if not more, than Byron. It is difficult to imagine a heroine more after George Eliot's heart than Tattiana, the shy and beautiful maid, the "child devoid of childishness," whose young life was all in "contemplativeness" and "imagination," who loved terrible tales in the dark, and, when she grew older, fed her soul upon romances, till, when she sees Onéguine, she feels her hour has come, her hero arrived, and, "trusting the ideal she wrought," pens him "an inconsiderate scroll, wherein love innocently pines." Onéguine, the blasé libertine, whose attitude towards the sex is thus described :-

"Though beauty he no more adored, He still made love in a queer way; Rebuffed—as quickly reassured, Jilted—glad of a holiday"—

is no less a study which would have pleased George Eliot. Touched by her innocence and trust, he behaves like a gentleman, shows her what a bad husband he would be, and gives her sensible advice as to her conduct. His idle flirtation at a ball with her sister Olga produces a challenge from the young poet Lenski, Olga's lover and his own friend. The man, full of hope and love and noble purpose, who has been injured and seeks revenge is killed by the man tired of existence, who feels himself in the wrong. With Lenski's death perishes any hope that remained to Tattiana; but years afterwards, when she has married an old Prince, Onéguine conceives for her a violent passion, and now the tables are Tattiana, true to herself, does not conceal that she still loves him; true to her husband, rejects his suit with scorn. So here in this book we have love and fury all in the wrong place; young affections running to waste; noble aspirations leading to nothing; iron duty and convention cramping everything in their moulds; all the pretty designs of Nature smudged by the hand of Fate, just as George Eliot might have shown us years afterwards. The intellectual care bestowed upon the scenery and accessories of the stage upon which his actors play, and the graphic pictures of country life and character, are equally modern and equally suggestive of George Eliot.

Pushkin's genius seems to have been one which naturally assimilated all that was best in his reading and experience. From his own country he drew his characters and scenery, which derive therefrom a natural power, not to be gained from purely imaginative creation; from England he learnt freedom and skill in the use of his poetic faculty, and probably

In this respect, as pointed out by Col. Spalding, he was far the superior of Byron.

Of his lyrical faculty the present volume gives but two specimens—one a translation in French, and the other in English. The first is "Mon Portrait," at the age of fifteen, which fitly prefaces the book. Of this charmingly bright and frank miniature we can only quote the last verse :-

" Vrai démon, par l'espiéglerie, Vrai singe par sa mine Beaucoup et trop d'étourderie— Ma foi! voilà Pouchekine."

Of the latter we must find space for the whole :-

"THE MAIDENS' SONG.

"Young maidens, fair maidens, Friends and companions, Disport yourselves, maidens, Arouse yourselves, fair ones. Come, sing we in chorus The secrets of maidens. Allure the young gallant With dance and with song As we lure the young gallant, Espy him approaching, Disperse yourselves, darlings, And pelt him with cherries With cherries, red currants, With raspberries, cherries. Approach not to hearken The secrets of virgins; Approach not to gaze at The frolics of maidens."

It may be true of Pushkin as of Byron that he loses less than most poets by translation; but certainly, if this has lost much, the original must be very captivating. For the literalness of the translation as a whole we are willing to take Col. Spalding's word; as to its spirit and beauty, none but himself can have any doubt.

COSMO MONKHOUSE.

The English Works of Wyclif hitherto unprinted. Edited by F. D. Matthew. (Early-English Text Society.)

THE valuable edition of Wyclif's English Works published at the Clarendon Press some ten years ago was an important contribution to our knowledge of the great Reformer; and the present volume, although issuing from a different quarter, may be regarded as supplementary to Mr. Thomas Arnold's labours. The reasons which led him to omit the treatises here contained from his collection were various. With respect to more than one he had not been able to arrive at a definite conclusion. The discourse on Faith, Hope, and Charity appeared to him a remarkably dull composition, containing "not a single new idea." As regarded the Tractatus de pseudo Freris, he had been unable to find any evidence that served to throw light on its date and authorship. It is certainly easy to understand that, after editing so much fierce vituperation against corporate bodies which have long ago ceased to trouble Englishmen, Mr. Arnold should have become somewhat weary of his task, and preferred to leave what was of doubtful authenticity unprinted rather than inflict on his readers, vexatos toties, further proofs of the friars' and priests' demerits or of Wyclif's power to castigate them. Mr. Matthew, coming fresh to the task, inclines in the opposite direction. from the French his art in telling his story. Out of the twenty-eight pieces which make received a summons, and that the document

up the volume before us, four, he frankly admits, were not written by Wyclif, although they breathe his spirit and his teaching; while the authorship of ten more is, to say the least, open to question.

In one respect this volume is of value as enabling us still more clearly to understand how bitter must have been the enmity which Wyclif evoked towards the close of his career. His English tracts were certainly all penned in the last five or six years of his life; and, as specimens of unmeasured invective, beneath which our fourteenth-century English at times gives signs of almost breaking down, they are unrivalled. To the well beneficed priors and pluralists of his day, the Rector of Lutterworth must, we cannot but think, have appeared one of the most abusive old gentlemen they had ever known. A certain energy in attack is, doubtless, essential in a reformer of Wyclif's stamp. A little strong language and even some exaggeration are necessary to bring home facts to the average order of intelligence. But Wyclif went a little too far; and it is probable that his want of self-restraint, which, as Mr. Matthew takes occasion to note, he himself recognised as his besetting sin, did much to weaken his legitimate influence. With the exception of Knighton's honest admission of his unrivalled ability as a schoolman, we cannot recal a single favourable tribute to his character or services in contemporary writers. When we find him (p. 352) denouncing the friars as heretics because they differed from him in their scholastic interpretation of the doctrine of the Eucharist, it is difficult not to surmise that this unscrupulous denunciation may have had something to do with the statute de Haeretico comburendo and the fate of Sautree. Nor are we altogether re-assured by the somewhat subtle distinction which he proceeds to draw between loving the sinner and hating the sin. It is well known that the Spanish inquisitor, when he sent his victim to the stake, always professed himself actuated by the most affectionate concern for his spiritual welfare.

Students of this period of our history will be thankful to Mr. Matthew for his clear and concise Introduction, in which he touches on the main points of interest upon which recent research has thrown additional light. The Chronicon Angliae, by a monk of St. Albans, which Mr. Thompson edited for the Rolls series, is a later publication than any work of much importance relating to Wyclif, and of this Mr. Matthew has not failed to make use. On some points it offers material corrections of Walsingham; and there can be no doubt that, had Prof. Shirley lived to see its publication, he would have reconsidered his decision with respect to the question (now finally set at rest) of Wyclif's tenure of the wardenship of Canterbury Hall at Oxford.

There are two other questions in relation to which Mr. Matthew gives us some useful The first relates to Wyclif's criticism. summons to Rome; and here he is at issue with Dr. Lechler. He admits, indeed, that the document printed in the Fasciculi Zizaniorum (341) is not a letter to the Pope; but he

argues, very forcibly, that it proves that Netter of Walden believed that Wyclif had

itself is designed as "a justification of disobedience to the Pope's mandate, written for circulation in England." The second question, one of considerable importance, is that as to the actual duration of Wyclif's controversy with the Mendicants. If it did not commence before 1381, as Dr. Lechler contends, the whole series of the English Tracts was written within the brief period of three years—a supposition which, in itself improbable, is rendered still more so by Wyclif's advanced age. Mr. Matthew, however, advances good reasons for a different conclusion. The tract de Officio Pastorali, he points out, contains heavy censure of the friars, while the internal evidence (pp. 405-57) proves it to have been written not later than 1378. "When and how," he observes, " his earlier good opinion was changed into dis-like can only be a matter of conjecture, but such an effect may well have been produced by his experience as a parish priest. Nothing can have been more trying to a parson who was doing his best to keep alive the flame of religion in his flock than the visit of one of these vagrant friars, preaching a catchpenny sermon, shriving men of sins which they were ashamed to confess to their own pastor, and generally encouraging the belief that a few easy benefactions to the convent would take the place of penitence and good life."

Of the different treatises here contained, the de Officio Pastorali strikes us as at once the most interesting and the most characteristic. This, it is true, is already known to scholars in the Latin version, as edited by Dr. Lechler; but in its English form it presents some material differences, and more especially in the passages relating to the Mendicants, which are perceptibly more violent in tone.

It would be difficult to find in the whole

history of religious thought a more remarkable study than that which Wyclif affords in his latter years. We see the accomplished scholar, the dreaded disputant in the schools, the member of Parliament, the friend and adviser of royalty, breaking alike with the traditions of his learning, his order, and his party, and turning to the homely vernacular of those among whom he lived and laboured in his country parsonage, to find therein a new weapon wherewith to assail with unprecedented effect classes and institutions girt about with all the prestige that belongs to superstitious reverence, to wealth, and vast social influence. Here, too, we have perhaps his earliest plea for an English translation of the Gospels. Of the Southern Gospels (often truer English than his own) he would seem never to have heard. The friars, he argues, had taught the people the Paternoster in English, why should they not teach them the whole gospel?-" siben be paternoster is part of not al be turnyd to englized trewely, as is bis part?"

Certainly, whatever exceptions may be taken to Wyclif's discretion and moderation, it is impossible not to admire the strongly sagacious spirit of the man. Strangely interesting too is it, as we listen, at an interval of five centuries, to the voice of the Rector of Lutterworth as of one crying in the wilderness, to think how the task to which he urged on his own age is at the present time being

the press of the Oxford where he once taught, with the fullest sanction that Church and State, learning and religion, can bestow.

J. BASS MULLINGER.

LENORMANT'S "ANCIENT HISTORY OF THE EAST."

Histoire ancienne de l'Orient. Lenormant. Ninth Edition. By Fr. Vol. I. (Paris: Lévy.)

It is difficult to say whether M. Lenormant or the public is most to be congratulated on the fact that his History of the ancient East has reached a ninth edition. The fact is encouraging to those who have at heart the interests of Oriental learning, while at the same time it bears testimony to the author's clearness of exposition and his power of throwing a charm over the most abstruse of subjects. Readers of the ACADEMY have no need of being told what they will find in the volume—immense stores of learning, indefatigable industry, scientific candour, and brilliant combinations. These qualities, indeed, distinguish it in a high degree, and it is satisfactory to find that they have been so thoroughly appreciated by the public.

The new edition of the work has not only been revised throughout, and so brought up to the level of our present knowledge, but has also been enriched with numerous additions and valuable illustrative plates. Among other additions may be particularly mentioned the substance of what M. Lenormant has recently told us in a special volume on the relation between the earlier chapters of Genesis and the legends of ancient Babylonia which recent research has brought to light. A long and elaborate chapter is devoted to the question of the origin and development of speech; and the latest views on the nature and classification of the languages of the world are set forth at length. Nor has M. Lenormant been unmindful of the revelations which post-Tertiary geology and prehistoric archaeology have made of late years. Everything bearing on the subject has been laid under contribution; and the chief results obtained in this field of study are described with the happy power of illustration which the author possesses. Perhaps the most interesting chapter in the book is the last, on the history of writing. This is a subject which M. Lenormant has made peculiarly his own, and he therefore writes upon it with all the grasp and authority of a master.

In the Preface he pays a graceful tribute to M. Maspero's well-known work, which covers much the same ground as his own. But he states, with justice, that there is plenty of room for both. The two writers start from different points of view, and proceed upon different plans. While M. Maspero regards the past as a series of great epochs, M. Lenormant deals with each separate people of ancient history singly, and in detail. The one, in fact, supplements and complements the other.

As a devout but liberal-minded theologian, M. Lenormant appeals to that large class which refuses to be shocked by denials of what Christendon has long agreed in ac-

know the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, which is told us by modern science. The most honourable characteristic of M. Lenormant's writings is fairness and readiness to resign an opinion as soon as it has been proved to be wrong; and this characteristic he preserves in dealing not only with questions which bear on popular religion, but alsowhere, perhaps, it is still harder to maintain -in matters of scientific opinion.

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Languages of Further India. By the late Capt. C. J. F. S. Forbes. (W. H. Allen & Co.)

Some people travel to see, others go forth to kill; and neither class are content nowadays unless their wanderings are shared by the public, and their experiences printed for general delectation. The author of this book, however, is of a different and, I would say, of a higher stamp. He was one among the band of Indian officials who quietly rule an empire of a magnitude great as that of old Rome, and who not only administer, but observe. Capt. Forbes enjoyed unusual opportunities of observation. Gifted with linguistic ability, the circumstances of his home-life gave him an insight into the inner thoughts and habits of the people which is possessed by few, and opened for him channels of information and communication closed to the ordinary English observer. He had married a Burmese lady, and made his home among the "Myamma." He was not only among them but of them, and his previous work on British Burma and its People was the valuable result of his sympathetic observation.

The work now before us is a posthumous one. We cannot, therefore, say that the essays contained therein might not have assumed other shape had their author lived to revise his work; but even in their existing form they are a valuable contribution to contemporary ethnology, not perhaps from a high scientific point of view, but as part of the material from which the savant of the future may evolve an edifice of learning, or throw light perchance on the vexed question of human genesis: - for this country of which Capt. Forbes writes, this "Further India," is the veriest *nidus* of primaeval nationalities. It is as it were the backwater or eddy made by the meeting of the two great streams of humanity, the Aryan and Turanian, which, coming the one from the east the other from the west, here meet, overwhelming or pushing aside elder tribes and nationalities, and shelving them among mountain gorges and turbulent hill-streams.

The book treats of the races and languages belonging to the Indo-Chinese peninsula, and shows their connexion either with each other or with other branches of the same family beyond those limits, more especially, however, having reference to the inhabitants of that part of the region which is under British rule, and which, as the author was in the Burmese Commission, came more directly under his own immediate observation.

First, strangely enough, is found among the hill tribes an old tradition of a mighty deluge carried to its more perfect accomplishment, by cepting, while, at the same time, it wishes to or flood, after which the great waters did not 3,000 years ago, the great alluvial plains now forming the sea-board of Burmah and Siam were beneath the waters of the sea; the Gulf of Martaban covered the plains of Pegu and Sittoung, rolling its waves far inland, and sweeping with salt estuaries the flanks of the great mountain ranges which now form the backbone of the country. Here the first gleam of history lights on a low, perhaps the lowest, race in the world—Negritos—having no arts, no implements, barely able to make fire, ignorant of cookery, destitute of clothing. The descendants of this race are to be found now in the coast islands, such as the Andamans and the like, but little changed from their progenitors. These ape-like creatures fled before a stronger race, the Mons. Now where these Mons came from is a moot point. Sir Arthur Phayre and Mr. Mason, the two highest living authorities on the subject, hold that the Mons come from Hindostan, and are of Kolarian extraction, springing, that is to say, from the ancient autochthonous race of India antecedent to the appearance of the Dravidian type. The Kols of Central India are the living representatives of this stock; and the resemblances in structure and roots of the Mon and Kol languages certainly confirm this theory, which, however, is traversed by Capt. Forbes with all the impetuosity of youth, and its characteristic disregard of authority. But he does not clear up the problem himself, although he may be held to have picked out in many places weak points in the chain of induction. Our earliest information (about the year B.c. 603) shows us the wild and barbarous Mons, split up into petty tribes and clans, dwelling on the sea-shore of Pegu. A trading colony of Dravidians, from the other side of the Bay of Bengal, arrived on the coast, and, marrying among the Mons, they or their offspring founded the city of Thatone. Around this city the compara-tive civilisation of the Dravidian founders gradually extended itself, expanding by degrees into a Mon kingdom. The Mons are called also Talaings, from Telingana, the city whence these Dravidian traders originally came. With the exception of this name, no Dravidian affinities are found among the people or their language. From these beginnings sprang what Capt. Forbes calls the Mon-Anam stock: that is, from the Mons arose the Peguans, the Anamese (inhabitants of Cochin China), and the Cambodians. In regard to their advent, Capt. Forbes thinks it probable that

"the Mon-Anam races in their exodus from their homes in High Asia passed through the upper valley of the Ganges, and, crossing the Naga hills south of Assam, struck the head-waters of the Kyendwen River. Thence they passed down the valley of the Irawadi to the their companions, the Cambodians, Anamese, and other smaller and perhaps ruder tribes, spreading out to the eastward."

The next wave of immigration is the Tibeto-Burman. This stock comprises the present Burmese nation and all the cognate hill tribes which inhabit the mountainous Buddhism thus overspread the Indo-Chinese

recede to their present position, but occupied a much higher level. In the centuries before the Christian era, or, roughly speaking, some fication from the Irawadi, past the headwaters of the Brahmaputra to the Gandak River in Nipal, and so reaching the Central Himalayan region, where our knowledge at present stops.

Sir Arthur Phayre places the original domicile of the Burman race in the Southwest provinces of China, and thinks they probably came into the valley of the Irawadi by the trade route between China and Burma via Yunan and Bamo. But, whatever course or courses their original progenitors may have taken, it is clear, from physical and linguistic affinities of the clearest and most unmistakeable nature, that the modern Burman is a direct relative of the modern Tibetan. According to local tradition, the tribes which now form the Burmese nation arrived in their present seats from the westward about six centuries before the Christian era. They pressed before them the Mons, and drove them to the extreme Southern and coast regions.

Last we have the Tai race, comprising the existing offshoots-Laos, Shans, Ahoms, Khamtis, Siamese. They came from the South-eastern provinces of China south of the Yang-tse-Kiang, driven southward by the Chinese, and entered Further India by the valleys of the Salween and Mekong. The formation of the various principalities of the Tai race in this region, Capt. Forbes informs us, seems to have taken place in the period between the third century of our era and the fall of the Thung dynasty in China. The Tai race are not so strong as the precedent Tibeto-Burman stock; and we find at the present day that not only have they displaced none of the latter tribes, but that everywhere, except in Siam, they are subject to some other Power.

The earliest form of religion among the races of Further India was doubtless the ancient nature-worship, such as still exists, under different forms, among all the hill tribes—a worship of the spirits of mountain and stream, complicated by ideas of an evil power to be propitiated, but ap-parently with no conception of a supreme Creator. Traces of serpent-worship are found among the Talaings and Cambodians; and at some later date Hinduism was introduced to a partial extent, as at Thatone and

Pagan, where representations of Vishnu and Siva are found among the bygone splendours of old temples. The introduction of Buddhism took place about A.D. 400, when a Buddhist teacher, known as Buddhaghosa, came from Magadha, in Behar, and, after visiting Ceylon (whither he went to collate and revise existing sacred writings with the older copies extant there), became the apostle of Buddhism in the countries east of the Bay of Bengal. From the Talaings the religion was transmitted to the inland tribes, and with it also the written Pali character, which, under different modifications, has been adopted by the inland tribes of Burmese, Siamese, Laos, and Khamtis. The Annamese came early under Chinese

influence, and from this source have borrowed

their literature and religion. But although

peninsula, and with it the Pali alphabet, the languages of the different races do not appear to have been materially affected. The alphabet has been constrained to fit into narrower limits, and the polysyllabic Pali words, when used to express religious ideas, have been clipped to suit the simpler standard. This is a remarkable proof of the breadth and liberality of the new religion, which is brought notably into relief by contrast with one particular instance of a like nature in reference to the other and rival faith of Hinduism. The Ahoms, an offshoot of the great Tai race, about A.D. 1228, under their chief, Chukuphu, made themselves masters of the great province of Assam. They at that time followed the Buddhist religion; but, about A.D. 1554, their chief became a convert to Hinduism, and from that period the Ahoms have gradually abandoned all distinction of race, religion, language, and customs, and are now to all intents and purposes thorough Hindus. Here is plainly seen the difference in spirit between the two religions-the one kindly and tolerant; the other bigoted, severe, and proselytising.

The latter part of Capt. Forbes' book is occupied chiefly by comparative analysis of the Mon-Anam languages as exemplified in the modern Talaing and Cambodian speech, with which he was well acquainted. His remarks as to the imperfection of all known systems of transliteration, as applied to the languages of Further India, are well founded. It is impossible to represent at the same time both the written and spoken word, simply because the power of the letters does not give the accepted sound in pronunciation. The same thing holds good in Tibetan, where in nearly every word will be found a silent letter or letters, which, although orthographically useful (remnants from a bygone period when perhaps they were pronounced), are now phonetically useless.

The concluding sketch of the life of Gautama, the Buddha of the East, contributes nothing new to the history of Buddhism or to our knowledge of its founder. Capt. Forbes' book, however, is as a whole worth reading; and, had its author lived to revise and amplify it, we should have obtained a valuable addition to Oriental literature.

T. H. LEWIN.

RECENT VERSE.

Bible Tragedies. By R. H. Horne. (Newman.) Mr. Horne's idea of representing Biblical subjects dramatically in what may be called the Mystery-form seems at first sight hazardous, Mystery-form seems at first sight hazardous, but will hardly startle anyone who knows the superiority of this form for the purpose as a matter of actual literary history. "John the Baptist" may be called a poetical Mystery, "Judas Iscariot" a prose Mystery. The third piece—"Rahman" (Job's wife)—is not in dramatic form at all, but written in chapter and verse with a command of Elizabethan English which if not universally maintained is at its which, if not universally maintained, is at its best remarkable. Some of the choruses of "John the Baptist" exhibit all Mr. Horne's old mastery over rhythm.

Songs of Study. By William Wilkins. (C. Kegan Paul and Co.) Mr. Wilkins is the most promising minor bard we have met for a considerable time. He is a Scholar of Trinity College, Dublin; and his book is occupied in part with poetical laments (often very touching) over a brother who, for a time, shared his residence there, but who is now dead. Various currents of poetical study, not to say imitation, which would be unjust, meet in Mr. Wilkins' verse. At times his study of the latest school of English poetry betrays itself, and Swinburnian echoes make themselves heard. At others, the ringing and swinging anapaests and trochees of Moore, which his countrymen have never forgotten, and which they are quite right in not forgetting, are recalled by the book. But in the best pieces there is much freshness, considerable originality, and a remarkable power of poetical description. "Actaeon" displays all these qualities. But perhaps an expert in matters poetical may find a still safer criterion in the following very quiet and simple piece:—

"SONG.
"When fields were green and skies were clear,
And bluebells paved the woods of spring,
I weighed the world against her tear,
And found her tear the dearer thing.
But while I followed gain and fame,
And in the great world played my part,
I changed; but she remained the same,
And now I think it broke her heart.

There is a directness and a simplicity about this which are both wofully rare in contemporary verse; and, in a writer who can also attempt the more ornate style as Mr. Wilkins can, they are specially welcome.

Songs and Sonnets of Spring-time. By Constance C. W. Naden. (C Kegan Paul and Co.) Miss Naden's book is a very pleasant one, and books of minor verse are not often pleasant. Her sonnets and other serious poems are good; but for sonnets and serious poems we can go elsewhere. Her lighter verse is much more full of idiosyncrasy. "Love versus Learning," "Maiden Meditation," and some other pieces carry the reader very agreeably back to the days of Hood, when intensity was not, and men and women had not forgotten how to laugh.

Poems. By Lord Braye. With a Preface on the Latest School of English Poetry, by F. A. Paley. (Geo. Bell and Sons.) The interest of this book lies, beyond all doubt, in Mr. Paley's Preface. It is curious enough to know what a scholar of some distinction has to say on such a subject. Unluckily, Mr. Paley is a complete Rip van Winkle as to English literature. He does indeed mention Mr. Swinburne, but the representatives of "the latest school of English poetry" to him are Mr. Tennyson, Mr. Browning, and Mr. Longfellow. Of all of these he grievously complains. Some metrical remarks of his seem to show that English metre is a mystery he has not fathomed. But it is conceivable that he should admire Lord Braye's poems, which are very plain, straightforward verse, noticeable at least for their plainness and straightforwardness.

Rhymes in Council. By S. C. Hall. (Griffith and Farran.) Mr. S. C. Hall seems to aspire to something like the renown which Pibrac, Mathieu and Company enjoyed in the sixteenth century as manufacturers of moral quatrains. Here is one of his lessons, drawn, as his motto tells us, from old experience:

"But vanity's a sneak, a thing of straw,
Padded with chaff, stuffed out to look the real,
The peacock's feather, mounted on a daw
Of insignificance the beau idéal.
Perpetual checks, perpetual puttings down,
Make vanity a curse from peer to clown."

If this sort of thing can do anybody any good, in Heaven's name let him have his remarkable opportunity of being done good to.

Original Plays. Second Series. By W. S. Gilbert. (Chatto and Windus.) This second volume of Mr. Gilbert's plays contains "Gretchen," "Dan'l Druce," &c., and the

celebrated comic opera series from the "Sorcerer" to "The Pirates of Penzance." In these last it is needless to say that there is much amusing reading. The volume, however, is, on the whole, scarcely decisive as to the superiority of the nineteenth to the seventeenth century in the serious drama.

Songs. By John Hill. (Remington.)

'Who can ask, who can want, who can reck what the utilitarians seek With a girl's hot lips on his neck, on his mouth,

on his eyes, on his cheek? In the full and complete and supreme giving up

of a long embrace, Where the real outruns any dream, where bodies and souls interlace,

and souls interlace,
Where there lords in all the lithe limbs a controlless contractile alertness,

Where each amorous eyeball swims in a languor of liquid inertness?"

So Mr. Hill; and the lithe arm of the reviewer, with a controlless contractile alertness, drops his book into the waste-paper basket. We shall admit the while, as a just man should, that utilitarians in the circumstances described would be a nuisance.

The De Profundis of A. Tennyson remodelled by Metamorphosis. (E. W. Allen.) Mr. Tennyson's remarkable exercitation has had comic remodellings, and will have more. But that a human being should set himself seriously to give it "a more obvious rendering," and in search of obviousness should devise and print such verses as

"Out of the deep That primal keep Whereon God's spirit brooded,"

"Then with sprite oar
Man drew to shore
Midst sunlight's shadow broken,"

must be pronounced a rare and curious factrare even among the oddities of minor verse.

Indoors and Out. By E. Wordsworth (Hatchards.) The name of Wordsworth obliges, somewhat unfairly perhaps. This book is at least as good as most work of its kind, but it is hardly better. One little piece, however, we have read with greater pleasure than most minor verse gives us.

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"Bright yellow crocuses, last year
She still was here,
And watched you growing.
Now scattered on her grave ye rest
Just o'er her breast
Unknown, unknowing.

"Ye too must die ere set of sun,
Ere growth have won
Its full completeness,
Yet busy bees are round you rife,
For all your life,
Like hers, was sweetness."

The Shepherd's Dream. By Henry Solly. (J. A. Brook and Son.) There are few people whose opera omnia, when they come to be collected, will make an odder assortment than Mr. Henry Solly's. The Shepherd's Dream is a dramatic romance of Bloody Mary's days. Beyond this matter-of-fact description, we have no choice between saying nothing at all about it and saying a great deal. The latter it does not deserve.

The Missing Sheriff. By Hartley Tamlyn. (Heywood.) The first line of The Missing Sheriff is one which it is impossible to praise too highly:

"What is a poet? He who sings."

That is exactly what a poet is; but whether Mr. Hartley Tamlyn answers to his own admirable definition is a question upon which, considering the good-will we bear to him for that definition, we had rather not pronounce.

Anne Boleyn. By the Author of "Ginevra." (C. Kegan Paul and Co.) Of the tragedies of the author of Ginevra there is no end, nor can we perceive that there is any reason why there ever should be any end of them. Industry, patience, a complaisant publisher, and the abundance of subjects which history provides make the prolongation of the series simply a question of health and strength, both of which will, we trust, long remain to the author. There are, however, other things in this world to do than to read or to criticise her tragedies, and we must be permitted to do them.

Bellerophôn. By Arran and Isla Leigh. (C. Kegan Paul and Co.) The authors of this poem, or rather these poems, are very, very classical. Bellerophôn has his circumflex over his second o; Olumpos and Eurunome and (Heaven save the mark!) Psuche make their unlovely appearance, and so forth. This being the case. Syrinx seems a little odd; Ganymede still odder. But their trumpery pedantry, which, in the absence of knowledge to excuse, if not to justify, it, has led the authors into all manner of grotesque blunders, is not compensated by any merits, either of conception or execution.

New Songs. By the Cambridge Lotus Club. (Deighton, Bell and Co.) The Cambridge Lotus Club have printed their New Songs very prettily. We cannot say any more for them.

Satan Bound: a Lyrical Drama. By Wimsett Boulding. (Bemrose.) A lyrical drama in nearly 300 pages of, perhaps, thirty lines each on such a subject as this must be either a masterpiece of the world's literature or a more or less grotesque failure. Mr. Boulding fails rather less than more grotesquely, but he fails all the same. It is a pity, for weltering in the abyes are some fragments of verse which show that, with a saner critical feeling and a more distinct power of choice and conception the author might do something.

Lays of the Scotch Worthies. By J. P. Wellwood. (Paisley: Gardner.) Mr. Wellwood's sentiments may be judged from his statement that "he will not blame" the cowardly and brutal murder of Cardinal Beaton. His poetical powers will be excellently apprehended from the following citation:—

"When false Kirkcaldy and his crew
Endangered Knox's life and threw
Fierce menace at his head,
Then wrote the gentlemen of Kyle
And warned the Laird of Grange the while
If Knox's blood were shed,"

&c., &c., &c.

Milicent: a Poem. By Fairfax Byrrne. (C. Kegan Paul and Co.) We have all heard of the tragédie bourgeoise, but the domestic epic is almost a new genre. If anybody will imagine a poem in seven or eight thousand lines of blank verse partly modelled on Wordsworth and partly on the Dora class of the Laureate's poems, he will have a sufficiently clear idea of Milicent.

The Deluge: a Poem. Books I. to IV. (Elliot Stock.) The Deluge shows that someone still reads and imitates Milton, which is in its way not unsatisfactory. The imitation, moreover, is sometimes clever, but we are in no violent hurry for books v. to xii.

The Marriage of Time. By Ambofilius. (Tinsley Bros.) Ambofilius apparently thinks it worth while to write, and to print upon rather nice paper, stuff of this sort:—

"A so-called social organ's come to life,
A worse abomination than the rest.
They pry into the secrets of your wife,
And really are a most infernal pest.
Fors Clavigera is very funny

Sometimes. He poses for a Solomon; The Jewish king had more in him for the money Although our friend is not a hollow man," Ambofilius has strung a couple of hundred pages of this doggerel together in a very singular rigmarole about heaven knows what. It may perhaps surprise readers of the intolerable stuff just quoted to hear that sometimes he is for a verse or two tolerable and rather striking.

Three Women of the People, and other Poems. By H. Pakenham Beattie. (Newman.) A dedication to the "three sacred names of Hugo, Mazzini, and Garibaldi" will prepare the reader for the worst, and his expectations will not be disappointed. Mr. Beattie's syllogism is evident and simple. Mr. Swinburne is a good poet; Mr. Swinburne writes about Republican politics; therefore, a man who writes about Republican politics is a good poet. He is not the first person who has experienced the sorrowful results of breaking Aldrich's head.

Poems Domestic and Miscellaneous. By James Giles. (Whittingham.) Mr. Giles tells us that his verses have ranged in point of composition over half-a-century, and that they almost all appear for the first time. They are what might be expected—family verse rather better than most of their kind.

NOTES AND NEWS.

MR. BROWNING has been staying in the South of France; he goes on to Venice, and will probably be back in London by November.

We hear that Mr. Floyer's book of travels in wild countries, to which we have before referred, is in the hands of Messrs. Griffith and Farran, and will shortly be published. Mr. Floyer, who is now Director of Telegraphs at Cairo, has travelled through parts of Baluchistan and Persia which had never before been explored; and we may expect from him much new and interesting matter.

THE "Ballade of the Scottysshe Kynge," asserted to be the first English ballad, is about to be reprinted in facsimile by Mr. Elliot Stock, with a copious historical Introduction and notes.

WE understand that Messrs. Remington and Co. will shortly publish a series of careful studies of the French dramatists by Mr. Brander Matthews, a well-known theatrical critic of New York, who has been staying for some time with us. The American edition will be issued by Messrs. Scribner.

We hear that Prof. T. H. Green is making good progress with his translation of the late Prof. Lotze's System der Philosophie for the Clarendon Press.

MISS EMILY FAITHFULL writes to us that she spent an interesting evening with M. Victor Hugo during her recent visit to Paris. The veteran novelist has joined the council of "The International Musical, Dramatic, and Literary Association," and expressed his deep interest in the agitation for the better protection of copyright in England.

MR. FURNIVALL proposes to follow up his Bibliography of Robert Browning for the Browning Society with a Subject Index to Browning's Works, showing the range of subjects treated, and the opinions expressed on them, in the poet's we a. After this will probably be put forth a short Statement of the Story and Purpose of each of Browning's Dramas and Poems.

WE understand that early in October Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton will publish The Life and Speeches of the Right Hon. John Bright, M.P., by Mr. G. Barnett Smith, whose Life of Mr. Gladstone attained considerable popularity two years ago. This new work will appear in two large octavo volumes of some 500 pages each; and will be embellished by two steel-engravings

of Mr. Bright, one being executed from the latest portrait taken, and the other from a very interesting portrait painted of him in early life shortly after the commencement of the great Anti-Corn Law struggle. Among new materials not before published, this biography will contain an important correspondence between Mr. Bright and the late President of the United States (Mr. Hayes), details of Mr. Bright's birth, ancestry, and education, his Continental tours, &c., and a report of his first public speech, recovered for this work. Every parliamentary speech of importance made by Mr. Bright, and every other public address, from the beginning of his career down to and including the first half of the year 1881, will be dealt with at length, and the finest and most important passages given in extenso.

Messrs. William Blackwood & Sons have in the press a book on Koumiss, or Fermented Mare's Milk—an article of food in cases of wasting diseases, originally introduced from the steppes of Russia, to which much interest attaches at the present time. The writer is Dr. George L. Carrick, physician to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg. The same publishers also announce a new edition of The Scot Abroad, uniform with The History of Scotland, by the late John Hill Burton, which has been practically out of print for some time; and a twelfth edition of Johnson's Elements of Agricultural Chemistry and Geology, revised and brought down to the present time by Dr. Charles A. Cameron.

BESIDES the Hon. A. D. Bingham's Marriages of the Bonapartes, to which we have already referred, Messrs. Longmans and Co. announce two other biographical works for the autumn—Recollections of the Last Half-Century, with a portrait of Napoleon III. engraved on steel, and several wood-cuts from original drawings by Dr. Conneau illustrative of scenes in the early life of the late Emperor of the French; and The Life of Giuseppe Garibaldi, by Mr. J. Theodore Bent, author of A Freak of Freedom; or, the Republic of San Marino.

WE understand that the Rev. Prebendary Humphry, a member of the New Testament Revision Committee, has in the press a Commentary on the Revised Version of the New Testament, which will shortly be published by Messrs. Cassell, Petter, Galpin and Co.

MR. J. E. MUDDOCK, author of A Wingless Angel, As the Shadows Fall, &c., has in the press a book entitled Davos-Platz as a Winter Alpine Station for Consumptive Patients, with Analytical Notes on the Food, Air, Water. and Climate, by Mr. Philip Holland. It will be published, probably before the end of this month, by Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall and Co.

Messrs. T. and T. Clark, of Edinburgh, will publish in about a fortnight a new work by Frof. Franz Delitzsch—viz., Old Testament History of Redemption, translated from MS. notes by Prof. Curtiss. It forms one of Prof. Delitzsch's courses of university lectures on Biblical theology delivered in Leipzig in 1880.

Messrs. Griffith and Farran will, we venture to prophecy, more than maintain their established reputation by the children's books they propose to issue for the coming winter. Their list of announcements is large and varied enough to satisfy the appetite of any boy or girl; and we can only select from it some that have caught our eye. Foremost is a facsimile reprint of the editio princeps of Goody Two Shoes (which was, we believe, originally published by the predecessors in title of the present firm), with an Introduction by Mr. Charles Welsh, giving an account of the book with some speculations as to its authorship. Among new books we notice Holly Berries, profusely illustrated with original coloured draw-

ings by Ida Waugh, the letterpress being by Miss Amy E. Blanchard; Who Did It? or, Holmwood Priory: a Schoolboy's Tale, by the Rev. H. O. Adams, illustrated by A. W. Cooper; In Times of Peril: a Story of the Indian Mutiny, by G. A. Henty, illustrated by H. Petherick; Little Loving Heart's Poem Book, by Margaret Elenora Tupper, with Forty Illustrations and Frontispiece by T. Pym—a collection of poems for children, carefully graduated; Belle's Pink Boots, by Joanna H. Matthews, with Sixteen Coloured Illustrations by Ida Waugh; Flotsam and Jetsam; or, do your Duty and never mind the Consequences, by H. Wothem, ed. Yotty Osborn; The Guests at Home: a sequel to The Guests of Flowers, and uniform with that book, by Mrs. Meetkerkes; We Four, by Mrs. Reginald Bray, illustrated by Miss W. Erichsen; Bryan and Katie, by Miss Annette Lyster, illustrated by Harry Furness—tracing the later career of the hero and heroine of Those Unlucky Twins; and A Gem of an Aunt and the Treat she gave: a Story in Short Words, by Mrs. Gellie (M. E. B.), illustrated by A. K. Collins and Mrs. Dawson—a story of holiday doings for very little ones, told in familiar words chiefly of one syllable.

In "The Boy's Own Favourite Library," Messrs. Griffith and Farran will issue the following new editions:—Out on the Pampas, by G. A. Henty; Peter the Whaler, by W. H. G. Kingston; and The Early Start in Life, by E. Marryat Norris. Among other new editions of their works we may mention a thoroughly revised and enlarged re-issue of the Boy's Own Toy Maker. The article on Golfing has been corrected, and a glossary of the technical terms used in the game is now given for the first time. The papers on Angling and Boats have been practically rewritten by Mr. J. Harrington Keene, the author of The Practical Fisherman, and Mr. James E. Walton, the author of Model Yachts; and in order to provide instructive amusement for leisure hours an article on Scientific Toys, by Mr. Thomas Dunman, has been added.

A NEW work from the pen of Mr. William Andrews, hon. secretary of the Hull Literary Club, is in the press, entitled The Book of Oddities. It will include chapters on Curious Weddings, Singular Funerals, Whimsical Wills, Quaint Epitaphs, Revivals after Execution, Odd Showers, Female Jockeys, Singular Wagers, &c., &c.

A SERIES of papers, by Mr. W. C. Honeyman, entitled "The Violin: How to Master it," which recently appeared in the Musical Star, will be published in a complete form about the end of this month by Messrs. Köhler and Son, Edinburgh.

WE are indebted to Messrs. Puttick and Simpson for a copy of the sale catalogue of the first portion of the Sunderland Library, which, as we have already announced, will be disposed of during the first fortnight of December. Next week we hope to speak in some detail of this catalogue, which is itself a bibliographical work of no little value.

We regret to learn that, in consequence of the very slight support given to the South-African Folk-Lore Society, both in the colony and in this country, the working committee have decided to discontinue the issue of their Journal, which has been appearing during the last two years. Is it too late to hope that societies like the Anthropological, the Folk-Lore, and others may yet combine to save from disappearance the only publication exclusively devoted to the collection of the very interesting and fast-vanishing native folk-lore of South Africa?

THE annual meeting of the Library Association will begin on Tuesday next, September 13, in the Hall of Gray's Inn, and will continue four days. We have already given some of the

arrangements. The papers to be read include the following:—"English Bibliography prior to 1640," by Mr. Henry Stevens; "Plan for the Preparation of a General Catalogue of Periodical Literature," by Mr. Cornelius Walford; "Legal Bibliography," by Mr. Ernest C. Thomas; "Libraries of the Inns of Court," by Mr. W. R. Douthwaite: "Lagislation for ford; "Legal Bibliography," by Mr. Ernest C. Thomas; "Libraries of the Inns of Court," by Mr. W. R. Douthwaite; "Legislation for Public Libraries," by Mr. W. E. A. Axon; "The Elimination of Obsolete Works," by Mr. Robert Harrison; "The Question of Authorship in Academical Dissertations," by Mr. B. R. Wheatley; and "Suggestions on Library Buildings," by Mr. William Archer. The London members and friends of the Association will entertain the country members at dinner at the entertain the country members at dinner at the Freemasons' Tayern on Tuesday evening.

THE new educational books promised by Messrs. Griffith and Farran are a series of "Poetical Readers for use in Schools and Colleges," specially graduated to suit the Colleges," specially graduated to suit the requirements of public elementary schools. The collection consists almost entirely of complete poems. They are arranged in four parts, the first part containing the simplest pieces, and the last the most difficult. A few pages of explana-tory matter have been appended to each part, but it has been thought desirable to make the notes as few in number and as concise as possible. They will also publish immediately a new volume in their series of "Geographical Readers," by J. R. Blakiston, entitled Early Glimpses, introductory to Glimpses of the Globe. It is intended to bridge over the gap between the object lessons of infant classes and the elementary geography of more advanced classes, and to assist teachers in training children to habits of observation and enquiry. Also a little work, in their series of "Needlework Manuals," on Thimble Drill, by the Principal of the London Institute for the Advancement of Plain Needlework, author of Plain Needlework, &c. It is adapted to the requirements of the New Code, and is intended for the use of girls and boys below Standard I.

WE learn from the Jewish World that an interesting discovery of MSS. belonging to the Mendelssohn family has just been made at an antiquary's in Berlin. The "find" con-sists of two thick volumes. The first is an Excerpt-book of Moses Mendelssohn, containing notes and studies having reference to his work on Rousseau, and sketches or copies of two letters addressed to Lessing. In addition, there are all sorts of stray thoughts and occasional notes jotted down, evidently for subsequent use; transcriptions of several French poems; notably, too, incomplete translations into German of some of the amatory poems of the Abbé Bernis. The addresses of many high-born personages with whom Mendelssohn carried on correspondence, and scraps from his friend and business-connexion Bernard, are also contained in this collection. The second of the MS. volumes is headed Kollektaneenbuch für das Yahr 1783, von Joseph Mendelssohn - eldest son of the philosopher and littlerateur. The book, not-withstanding the superscription, belonged to Mendelssohn himself, and contains in his own handwriting philological notes and brief sketches, as well as copies of a number of letters.

WE understand that Messrs. Griffith and Farran have completed arrangements for the publication in this country of a magazine which, during its existence of twelve months, has attained a very large measure of success in has attained a very large measure of success in America. It is entitled Our Little Ones at Home and in School, and is edited by Mr. W. T. Adams, better known, perhaps, as "Oliver Optic." The volume for 1880 will be ready shortly; and the publication of the monthly parts will begin with the November issue, which will form No. 1 of vol. ii.

THE winter number of Society will appear this year under the title of *The Sleigh Belles*, and will be edited by Mr. Geo. W. Plant. It will contain tales, poems, and sketches by popular writers, and be profusely illustrated.

THE Nation for August 25 contains a very favourable notice of a History of the United States, written in the Swedish language for the large Swedish population in the North-west, by Mr. John A. Ernander, editor of Gamla och Nya Hemlandet, the most widely circulated Swedish paper in America. It is in four handsomely printed volumes, giving an original sketch from the prehistoric races of the continent and the early Norse voyages down to the present time.

As an indication of the activity of Scandinavian literature in its native home, we may take this opportunity of saying that we are in the habit of receiving in periodical parts the two following publications:—Archiv for Mathematik og Naturvidenskab, edited by Sophus Lie, Worm Müller, and G. O. Sars (Kristiania: Alb. Cammermeyer); and Sveriges Historia från aldsta tid till vara dagar (Stockholm: Hialmar).

WE have also on our table a Map of Scandinavia (Stockholm: Hjalmar), by Dr. J. M. Larsson, of which the merits may be appreciated without any profound knowledge of the Swedish tongue. The same publishers announce a translation of Buckle's History of Civilisation, to be issued in monthly parts at one krona, or about a shilling; and a translation of four of Plato's Dialogues—the Charmides, Laches, Phile-bus, and Timaeus—at the price of about 3s. 6d.

THE Revue politique et littéraire, edited by M. Eugène Yung, and published by Germer Baillière, which may claim to be the first periodical of its class in France, contains in its number for September 3 an enthusiastic article, eleven pages in length, upon Mr. Gladstone, from the pen of M. Georges Lyon.

WE lately announced the death of M. Kunovin, a Russian doctor, who for thirty-five years had devoted himself in Europe, Asia, and Africa to a study of the Gipsies and their dialects. The last six years of his life were spent in preparing for publication the fruits of his studies, and these, it is to be hoped, may not be lost by his untimely death. Dr. F. von Miklosich, of Vienna, as at once a Slavonic and a Romani scholar, would be their fittest editor. At any rate, the attention of Russian philologists should be directed to their preservation.

ONE of the subjects to be discussed at the socalled International Congress of Men of Letters, which holds its fourth annual meeting at Vienna on September 20, is the prejudices with which foreign types of character are commonly represented in the literatures of all countries.

MR. WENDELL PHILLIPS'S recent oration before the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Harvard on "The Scholar in a Republic," which attracted attention on account of its virtual defence of the programme of the Nihilists, is published in pamphlet form by Messrs. Lee and Shepard, of Boston.

WE understand that Mr. Francis G. P. Neison will henceforth be associated with Mr. George L. Campbell in the editorship of the Provident. This paper has hitherto been devoted solely to the advocacy of assurance against mining accidents; but the whole questions are the solely to the tion of industrial assurance, and especially the new class of business opened out by the passing of the Employers' Liability Act, is to come within its compass.

Among the announcements of Messrs. D. Appleton and Co., of New York, we notice The History of the Formation of the Constitution of

two volumes, covering the period from the treaty of peace with Great Britain to the inauguration of Washington; the second volume of Mr. Alfred S. Bolles' Financial History of the United States; and an American edition of Messrs. C. Kegan Paul and Co.'s "Parchment Library"

THE New York Critic states that M. du Chaillu has gone to New Mexico-to rest, not

THE festivities in honour of the popular Flemish novelist, Hendrik Conscience, on the publication of his hundredth work, to which we have already referred, are fixed to take place at Brussels on September 27. The programme chiefly consists, in accordance with the genius of the Flemish people (which herein resembles the Welsh), of recitations and musical pieces to be performed by choral

CLEVES, the ancient town in Westphalia, where an international exhibition of objects connected with sport has been open for some weeks past, is to have a monument to Lohengrin, the Knight of the Swan, whose story has been spread world-wide by Wagner. On the occasion of laying the foundation-stone, an historical procession of the traditional heroes of Cleves, dressed out with antiquarian dis-play, passed through the streets of the town. Admirers of Mr. Browning might have here seen in the life some of the characters in Colombe's Birthday.

In the communication in last week's ACADEMY, headed "The Irish in the Sixteenth Century, despite much care over the proof, a misprint of "miles" for "mites" was undetected in the fifth line of the extract. Another correspondent writes to us that the extract is "a mere condensation of the account of the Irishry given by Good (circ. 1566) in Camden, and often in his very words."

> A TRANSLATION. HORACE, BOOK III., ODE 13. (O Fons Bandusiae, splendidior vitro.)

BANDUSIA'S fountain! glassy clear, Worthy of flowerets and of wine, To thee a kid I'll offer here Whom sprouting horns incline Alike to love and war: in vain: The wanton scion of the fold With blood incarnadine shall stain Thy waves translucent cold. The flaming Dog-star's burning beam Touches thee not; thou dost unlock Thy coolness to the wearied team, And to the wandering flock. Mid famous founts I place thy niche,
While singing of the holm that grows
Amid the hollow rocks, from which Thy prattling water flows.

JAMES INNES MINCHIN.

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OBITUARY.

WE regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. John Winter Jones, on September 7, at the age of seventy-six. He was the son of Mr. John Jones, sometime editor of the Naval Chronicle and the European Gazette, and grandson of Mr. Giles Jones, whose claim is, perhaps, the best authenticated of any to be the author of Goody Two Shoes. Mr. Winter Jones first entered the British Museum in 1837, and rose through all the grades until, on the retirement of Panizzi in 1866, he was appointed Principal Librarian, or virtual head of the entire institution. This post he held up to his own retirement in 1878. His boast was to have accomplished the great MS. catalogue of printed books, and to faithfully the United States, by Mr. George Bancroft, in carry out the principles and arrangements of his

predecessor. His own contribution to literature was not large, consisting mainly of articles in reviews and dictionaries. He also edited three volumes for the Hakluyt Society; and quite recently printed, for private circulation, a paper upon Mr. Rassam's discoveries in Mesopotamia.

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THE Times records the death of Mr. James Thorne, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. Mr. Thorne was the author of Rambles by Rivers, a pleasant and valuable contribution to English topography, which was first published by Charles Knight in his series of "Weekly Volumes," and in which was interspersed much volumes, and in which was interspersed much useful antiquarian and historic matter, along with pleasant gleanings of fairy and folk lore. These were published between the years 1844 and 1849. His most important work of late years was his *Handbook to the Environs of London*, published about five years ago by Murray—a book well-nigh exhaustive of the subject of which it treats. Mr. Thorne was not a prolific writer; but he did his work most carefully and conscientiously, and in a manner which commanded the respect of those in whose service his pen was employed.

MAGAZINES AND REVIEWS.

In Macmillan's Magazine 'the most powerful contribution is a story by Miss Laffan, entitled "Weeds;" it is, in truth, scarcely a story, but a painfully realistic sketch of the murder of an Irish land-agent, and portrays with much power the curious mixture of personal feeling, class hatred, and social discontent which combine to to those who do not know that Linus was the subject of dirges among the Greeks. Mr. Augustus Hare gives a pleasant sketch of the early years of Dean Stanley, and Mr. Freeman an account of the unfamiliar island of "Curzola," the ancient Black Korkyra.

THE Cornhill Magazine continues the series of "Rambles amongst Books" by a paper dealing with "The Essayists," which begins in a strain of admirably genial humour by asserting that "every Englishman loves a sermon in his heart." The writer continues:—

"In fact, it seems that the essay-writer has to make his choice between the platitude and the paradox. If he wishes for immediate succes, he will probably do best to choose the platitude. will probably do best to choose the platitude. One of the great secrets of popularity—though it requires a discreet application—is not to be too much afraid of tiring your audience. The most popular of modern writers have acted upon the principle. You may learn from Dickens that you cannot make your 'jokes too obvious or repeat them too often;' and from Macaulay that you should grudge no labour spent in proving that two and two make four."

In this spirit he gives us some excellent criticism of Bacon, Fuller, Addison, and Hazlitt. G. A. writes a valuable paper on "Old English Clans," in which he collects a formidable amount of evidence from the clannames that may be traced in England to prove that survivals of totemism can be found even in our Anglo-Saxon progenitors-at all events, that many patronymics are derived from a supposed plant or animal descent. sincerely hope that he will pursue these fruitful suggestions still farther. An article on "Brigandage in Macedonia" throws much light on Lord Granville's recent circular, and justifies the advice that it is inexpedient to travel much in Turkey outside the beaten paths. A story called "Némorosa" is on the hackneyed subject of a peasant girl who dies from a romantic and impossible attachment to one in superior rank to herself, and has only

the novelty that the scene is laid in the Forest of Fontainebleau.

In Blackwood for September, the novel is concluded which has been interesting us for some months past. Our verdict is not meant to be final; but the first feeling is that of disap-pointment with the dénoûment. To one who has travelled in his earlier days, and is now tied to London, two papers in this number are especially attractive. The one is "Hints for an Autumn Ramble," the last thing written by the late John Hill Burton, and apparently intended to form part of a series. It deals with the Orkneys, after a fashion as far as possible reorkneys, after a fashion as far as possible removed from that of a guide-book. We have, instead, the mature and somewhat discursive reflections, partly historical but still more literary, of one who delighted to call himself "the old tramp." The other article referred to is headed "With Christian Almer in the Oberland." Even to Alpine climbers, or, perhaps, especially to Alpine climbers, the story of the ascent of a mountain is wont to be tedious. But, in this case, the writer has managed to tell his story with more freshness than we can recollect to have found anywhere else. He has avoided alike the Charybdis of minutedescription and the Scylla of "word-painting;" and has thus succeeded in leaving upon the mind of the reader just the general impression which the events left upon his own mind.

THE New York Critic for August 27 gives as its frontispiece a portrait of Mr. Austin Dobson, with a biographical notice of him by Mr. E. W. Gosse, which the writer himself admits to be somewhat frivolous. It is probably idle to withstand the growing tendency to publish descriptions of living men, which began in politics and has now become a recognised feature of society papers. For our part, we confess to be old-fashioned enough to think the practice in bad taste. But if the subjects themselves do not mind, we suppose there is no more to be said. For the rest, we are glad to be able to bear our tribute to the excellent manner in which the Critic is conducted. It is not quite so old as the present year; and it has already established its reputation as the first literary journal in America. We say this advisedly. For the Nation, although it maintains its character for learning, has distinctly developed in the direction of politics since it became the weekly edition of the New York Evening Post. The speciality of the Critic is short reviews, and many of them; but we do not observe that quality is sacrificed.

MR. BULLEN'S REPRINTS OF OLD PLAYS.

Mr. A. H. Bullen, having completed his edition of the works of John Day, which we hope to review very shortly, proposes to continue his praiseworthy task of reprinting rare old English plays. He offers to subscribers four volumes, each containing four plays. The volumes will be issued at intervals of six months, at the subscription price of one guinea per volume, and the number of copies will be strictly limited to 150. Each play will be accompanied by an introduction and foot-notes. The books will be handsomely printed (in foolscap quarto) at the Chiswick Press, and bound in antique boards.

Vol. i. will contain The Tragedy of Nero (1623 and 1632), anonymous, of which a short, but and 1632), anonymous, of which a short, but admirable, extract is given in Charles Lamb's Specimens; The Maid's Metamorphosis (1660), usually attributed to Lyly, but Mr. E. W. Gosse has suggested that it may be an early work of Day; The Martyred Soldier (1638); and The Noble Soldier, by Samuel Rowley. None of these have ever been reprinted.

Vol. ii. will contain Patient Grissell (1603),

by Haughton, Chettle, and Dekker, which was by Haughton, Chettle, and Derker, which was published, with modernised spellings, in the Shakspere Society's publications; The Trial of Chivalry (1605); The First Part of the True and Honourable History of the Life of Sir John Oldcastle (1600, two very different editions), stated in Henslowe's Diary to have been written by Munday, Drayton, Wilson, and Hathway; and Tottenhum Court, by Thomas Nabbes (1638) and 1639). and 1639).

Vol. iii. will contain Swetnam the Woman Hater arraign'd by Women (1620), of which fifty copies were reprinted in Dr. Grosart's Occasional Issues; The Honest Lawyer, by S. S. (1616); AWs Lost by Lust, by William Rowley (1633); King John and Matilda, by R. Davenport

(1655).

Vol. iv. will contain Arden of Feversh am (1592, 1599, and 1633)—many critics, including Mr. Swinburne (Study of Shakespeare), have thought that the hand of Shakespere himself may be traced in this wonderful play; having regard to its extreme importance, Mr. Bullen intends to issue 500 copies of Arden of Feversham separately from the volume—Two Tragedies in One, by Robert Yarrington (1601); All's One, or the Yorkshire Tragedy (1608 and 1619)—with the two preceding pieces and The Warning for Fair Women (reprinted in the late Mr. Simpson's School of Shakspere), this completes the set of domestic tragedies that have come down from Elizabethan times; Covent Garden, by Thomas Nabbes (1638).

Intending subscribers are requested to apply at once to A. H. Bullen, Esq., Clarence House, Godwin Road, New Town, Margate.

CARD. WISEMAN ON "BISHOP BLOUGRAM'S APOLOGY."

In answer to Mr. Furnivall's request for a note of Card. Wiseman's review in the Rambler of Mr. Browning's Bishop Blougram's Apology, Mr. R. H. Shepherd sends us the following extract, whose last paragraph shows that at any rate the Cardinal entered into the humour of the position :-

"Browning's Men and Women.-The Rambler (London: Burns and Lambert), January 1856 (vol. v.,

don: Burns and Lambert), January 1856 (vol. v., pp. 54-71).
""Bishop Blougram's Apology,' though utterly mistaken in the very groundwork of religion, though starting from the most unworthy notions of the work of a Catholic bishop, and defending a self-indulgence which every honest man must feel to be disgraceful, is yet in its way triumphant.
... All this and more Blougram urges with a fatility of illustration and folicity of argument. a fertility of illustration and felicity of argument that (in spite of the miserable shortcoming of his principle) is quite delightful. Who, after reading his Apology twice, or thrice perhaps, will object to argument in poetry? Why, the very first use

tical and reckless as he is, for a rare treat in these thoughtful and able volumes. . . Though much of their matter is extremely offensive to Catholics, yet beneath the surface there is an undercurrent of thought that is by no means inconsistent with our religion; and if Mr. Browning is a man of will and action, and not a mere dreamer and talker, we should never feel surprise at his conversion."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE KESSELSTADT "SHAKSPERE DEATH-MASK."

London: Bept. 5, 1881.

Prof. Dowden has done me the honour to refer to me in his letter in your issue of the 3rd inst, and in the Introduction to his beautiful edition of Shakspere's Sonnets with regard to this "death-mask."

What I was unable to write of in my little notice regarding that mask in the Antiquary was that Dr. Becker (the owner of the mask) took it with him to Stratford-on-Avon, and, before some friends and myself, measured the poet's bust over his grave and the mask, which he had brought with him. The proportions of both the mask and the bust were exact, as to the width of brow and the length and width of face; the only thing in which they did not tally was in the length of the nose, that of the bust being shorter than that of the mask; but tradition hath it that the sculptor of the bust chipped off accidentally the end of the nose, and consequently had to shorten its length and round off that feature. It is also evident that a face such as Shakspere's could hardly have had so poor a proboscis-it is a nose out of keeping with the brow and other features.

Anyone interested in this mask will be able to see some admirable photographs taken from it in the rooms of the van der Weyde photographers in Regent Street.

RONALD GOWER.

Castell Farm, Beddgelert : Sept. 3, 1881.

I am much obliged to Prof. Dowden for correcting the impression on my bad memory that this death-mask had the day of Shakspere's death on it, as I am now less inclined than before to attribute any chance of authenticity to the mask. Some three or four years ago I went into the history of this mask with two or three friends whose judgment I trust in such matters, and came to the conclusion that there was not a scrap of direct evidence to connect the mask with Shakspere, and that the conjectures about it were of little or no value. opinion Prof. Dowden's re-statement of the case confirms me. The credit that the mask has obtained I believe to be due to the longing that some Shakspere students have to get a face for their master which shall come nearer their ideal of him than does the Droeshout engraving, or the Stratford bust, whose nose is an abomination to them. If they would but have the death-mack photographed, and Woodbury copies of it sold for a few pence, it would persuade most folk that it was worthy of being Shakspere's mask, and then the conclusion that it was Shakspere's would soon follow. With "imagining . . . How easy is a bush supposed a bear!" The late Mrs. Gaskell once said to me in her charming way, "That ought to be true; and I mean to believe it is true." This is the real doctrine for the Kesselstadt death-mask.

F. J. FURNIVALL.

THE HYPAETHRON IN GREEK TEMPLES.

London: Sept. 6, 1881.

In his remarks in the last number of the ACADEMY on the Introduction I wrote to the volume of Ionian Antiquities recently published by the Dilettanti Society, Mr. Murray so com-pletely misapprehends my views as to the mode in which light was introduced into Greek temples that I would like to be allowed an opportunity of explaining what these are, as the subject is one of considerable importance to those interested in the scientific principles of Greek architecture.

My conviction is, and always has been, that all the larger Doric temples—certainly all those with two ranges of columns in the Cella-were lighted by an opaion or clerestory in the roof, in contradistinction to the hypaethron or skylight, which is too generally supposed to be the mode by which light was obtained, but which, before the invention or use of window glass, I hold to be for many reasons a most improbable, if not impossible, mode of lighting these interiors. Be this as it may, the management of an opaion necessitated the introduction of internal staircases, giving easy access to the roofs for the temple servants. Those in Greece proper seem to have been generally in wood; in Sicily and at Paestum as generally in stone, as the remains of them are now to be found almost every-where. It happens also that the countersunk gallery of the opaion is singularly well adapted for defensive purposes; and, though not originally intended to be so used, this accidental advantage would certainly be availed of in the event of any hostile attack on the temple.

Under these circumstances, it seems evident that if the Heraion at Elis were attacked, it would be defended from the gallery of the opaion; and equally so, that, if one of the hoplites so engaged were wounded, he would naturally seek shelter in the space between the ceiling and the tiled roof of the temple, which, as the opaion in no instance extended to the whole length of the roof, would be easily accessible at either end, and he might very well be left there and forgotten by his companions in the hurry of their flight, or surrender, when the battle was over.

All this appears so obvious that, if I ever have again occasion to write regarding the mode in which light was introduced into Greek temples, I shall certainly call on this poor wounded hoplite as one of the principal witnesses in favour of the views I advocate; while I defy anyone to give a reasonable explanation of his story, as told by Pausanias, on the sup-position that the temple was lighted by a hypaethron. Had that been the mode of light-ing adopted there, the whole story, it seems to ing adopted there, the many me, becomes an impossibility.

JAS. FERGUSSON.

"THE YOUTHFUL EXPLOITS OF FIONN."

Dublin: Sept. 1, 1881.

I have read, with some interest, the letter with this heading addressed by Dr. Kuno Meyer to the ACADEMY of August 13.

His strictures are altogether aimed at the older text transcribed by the Rev. Mr. Cleaver for the late Dr. O'Donovan, and used by the latter in his edition (with translation) of the work for the Ossianic Society, as Dr. Kuno Meyor remarks and as I acknowledged in my Preface.

I am not responsible for Dr. O'Donovan's text. I have clearly enough stated so, in a Preface all too lengthy for a small and not very important work, which I would never have undertaken to re-issue if it had not been named on an important programme of Irish education.

Your learned correspondent has altogether confined his attention to the very portion of the work with which I have nothing to do. I merely reprinted that work, as I considered myself bound to do by the Celtic programme of the Commissioners of Intermediate Education in Ireland. My own portion of the work (as clearly shown), besides the Preface, was the modernised Irish version (founded on that placed by me in juxtaposition to it), the new translation (more suited, I thought, and still think, for the use of school-boys than Dr. O'Donovan's), the map, and the additional notes besides those which he had, at the time and under the circumstances, thought sufficient. To these I added a complete vocabulary. If I had been at liberty, I would not have employed the older text at all. I would have constructed (as I attempted to do in this work) a modern Irish text.

I am one of the few who work for the modern Irish language, and I am willing to make sub-servient to the object of its preservation as a living tongue even the grandest remains of our Old-Celtic literature whenever opportunity offers to make use of them for such a purpose. whenever opportunity This, I fancied, I had sufficiently explained in the Preface to the book under consideration. It was never intended for scholars; it was intended for the use of such students (very few, I am sorry to say) who desire to include "Celtic" among the subjects in which they come forward for examination. To these I still presume to think it may be useful, as I understand their difficulties in the study of the Irish language, having had the same myself to contend with DAVID COMYN.

SCIENCE.

TWO BOOKS ON SOPHOCLES.

Prof. Campbell's Sophooles. Vol. II. (Clarendon Press.)

L. van Leeuwen's De Ajacis Sophoclei authentia et integritate. (Utrecht: Leeflang.)

THE two books before us are excellent specimens of the extremes of conservatism and radicalism to be found in editing classical texts. The modern German and Dutch scholars will not comment on the text of a Greek play without strong notions of what the poet ought to have written (or at least what he could not have written), and they will not hesitate to reject what they think hopelessly illogical or absurdly trivial. They insist that the Greek dramatists were thorough artists, and would not produce slovenly or vapid work. Hence, they exert their ingenuity in finding out flaws of this kind, and in endeavouring, sometimes with great success, to correct them. One of these brilliant essays is that by van Leeuwen, published by the Utrecht Society of Arts, and rewarded with a prize.

On the other hand, the conservative English school accept the texts as handed down to us in the best MSS.; and, unless grammar and metre be positively false, they will not admit subjective difficulties, but endeavour to defend the genuineness of feeble lines by many subtle arguments. In this they, too, are often successful. Here is a specimen of this contrast. The splendid dying speech of Ajax ends (vers. 864, 865) with these words:

τοῦθ' ὑμὶν Αἴας τοὕπος ὕστατον θροεῖ τὰ δ' ἄλλ' ἐν Αἴδου τοῖς κάτω μυθήσομαι.

In these lines Prof. Campbell finds no difficulty. The radical critics are unanimous in rejecting the last, which forms an absurd bathos, being perfectly otiose and out of place. It was, indeed, the common taunt of a victor to tell his dying foe to finish his discourse below; but in a soliloquy it is absurd. Other such lines are Hippolytus, 1242 and 1441. In van Leeuwen's tract many more will be found in the Ajax alone. The weak point in this school of criticism is that their subjective judgments are often in conflict, one defending what the other rejects. The weak point of the conservatives is that they are obliged here and there to abandon the text, and admit interpolations or corruptions, so that, when once the fact of such alterations in the text is admitted, it is perfeetly fair scope for criticism to search for other instances.

Prof. Campbell's merit as a commentator on Sophocles is already so thoroughly tested by his first volume that it were impertinent in me to add any judgment upon it. His notes are very brief and practical; and it is to this self-imposed brevity that we may ascribe his refusal to quote the newer researches on the text from learned periodicals and special editions. A list of such monographs on each of the plays would be of far more value to the modern scholar than the brief sketch of the old editions in his Preface. To the schoolboy, of course, either of such references is useless. But any student of the separate plays has first to seek the materials for his study. A complete index to the two volumes is also

much to be desired. We miss references to Dindorf's Lexicon Sophocleum, a very valuable book, now withdrawn from sale owing to copyright objections, but to be found in most large libraries. The newest English researches, however, such as that of Prof. Sayce on the Niobe of Mount Sipylus, are duly utilised (of. on Electra, ver. 151). But the merits of Prof. Campbell's careful and sympathetic study of his favourite author can only be appreciated by those who will use his volumes constantly, and read through whole plays under his guidance, when they will learn to know his unwearied patience and modest caution.

The incidental reader, on the contrary, who takes up van Leeuwen's tract will at once be struck by its boldness and brilliancy. Starting from the known late date of the Philoctetes (409 B.c.), and its remarkable metrical laxity as compared with the other plays, van Leeuwen infers a considerable interval between the composition of any of the rest and this last fruit of Sophocles' genius. Still more, finding that the metrical licences (trisyllabic feet in senarii, &c.) in the earlier plays appear in a sudden and exceptional way, he advances to the theory that Sophocles re-handled his plays, and that these passages are of later date. His analysis of the licences in Sophocles' iambic senarii is highly instructive and interesting. In this way he accounts for the oft-discussed difficulties in the conclusion of the Ajax by the poet's own re-handling at a later date. A complicated enquiry into the choric parts leads him to conclude that the number of the chorus was only twelve; and that, therefore, the play had been composed before the number was raised to fifteen, about the time of Aeschylus'

extant trilogy.

He proceeds to criticise and emend a number of passages in the play. In many of them he will not satisfy the conservatives. But some of his suggestions are indeed very brilliant. The best is perhaps on vers. 461–67, where he reads (461) γυμνούς (for μόνους) τ' Ατρείδας, inferring the change from a schol. or ver. 464, which renders γυμνόν in that line by ξρημον. This schol. he considers misplaced; in the second γυμνόν he reads γύννιν, which makes excellent sense. In ver. 467 he follows Nauck in reading πόλλοις μόνος for μόνος μόνοις. As Prof. Campbell finds no difficulty in the passage, it will serve as

μόνος μόνοις. As Prof. Campbell finds no difficulty in the passage, it will serve as another excellent example of the contrast in the various ways of looking at our Greek texts. The tract concludes with a speculation on the form of the archetype from which our best Laurentian Codex was copied. It is shown to be probable that the book was written in double columns of twenty-two lines each, like the verses of Euripides lately found on a papyrus, and published by Weil. The top and bottom of the pages being most liable to decay, and omissions being written in at the foot of the page, we should be likely to find corruptions and misplacements at these intervals in the plays. Some curious evidence is adduced in favour of this theory, and on the

less. But any student of the separate plays has first to seek the materials for his study. A complete index to the two volumes is also raised by van Leeuwen, who shows a thorough

stichometry of the MSS., which has of late

acquaintance with all the recent work—that of Hense, of Muff, of Nauck, of Christ—on the text of Sophocles. His correction of $\mu\nu\nu\delta\hat{\omega}\nu$ (fr. 691) into $\dot{a}\nu a\acute{\nu}\delta\omega\nu$ deserves a passing notice.

But it is a very different and a far easier task to throw together brilliant suppositions in a critical essay than to comment with fairness and judgment on the whole text of a difficult author. Prof. Campbell has attempted the latter more sustained and far more difficult labour, and will earn the thanks of the philological world accordingly.

J. P. MAHAFFY.

On the Structure and Affinities of the Genus Monticulipora and its Sub-genera. With Critical Descriptions of Illustrative Species. By H. Alleyne Nicholson, M.D. (Blackwood.)

This work, which is a handsome royal octavo embellished with six plates and numerous wood-cuts, is, as the author informs us in the Preface, not to be regarded as a "monograph on the family of extinct corals," the Monticuliporidae of which it treats; "the time for writing such a monograph has not yet arrived." It is simply

"an attempt to ascertain and clearly record the structure of a number of well-marked species of Monticulipora, with special reference to the microscopic and really fundamental characters of these."

The monticuliporoid corals are compound corals of minute internal structure only to be investigated by careful microscopical research. The author dwells on the great difficulty which arises from the fact that, because the older palaeontologists relied in their descriptions on external characters almost solely, it is impossible now to recognise the forms described by them with any certainty. Probably in no branch of the science is this difficulty more fully felt by the modern worker than in the case of fossil corals. What is wanted, in order that a fossil coral skeleton may be really known and available for comparison with other extinct or yet living forms with a certainty as to the results in order that its true zoological value may be determined, is that a complete restoration of it, showing all its details of structure free from all matrix and all effects due to fossilisation and pressure, should be arrived at. Such a result can only be obtained by combining in some one or two drawings the information attained by prolonged investigation by means of sections and all other methods available. There is scarcely a single fossil coral skeleton of any high antiquity which has been thus worked out. Prof. Nicholson carefully examines his fossils by means of sections, and figures many of these latter, as well as separate details of all kinds; but we cannot help wishing that he had devoted one or two of his plates to the representation of much enlarged restorations of some one or two of the forms investigated by him. In such figures the whole structure of the skeletons could be displayed, just as, for example, in the large figures, showing the internal structure of foraminiferous shells, which illustrate Dr. Carpenter's well-known memoir. Such restorations would have been

most useful adjuncts to the second chapter of the present work, which treats of the general and comparative structure of Monticulipora.

After examining the view of Dr. Lindström, founded on what is known of its development, that Monticulipora belongs to the Polyzoa, which view has been much upheld because of the resemblance of Monticulipora to Heteropora, the author gives it as his conclusion, though with some reservation and hedging, for fear they should possibly be Polyzoa after all, that the Monticuliporidae are in reality an ancient group of Alcyonaria, as having, like the Helioporidae, a corallum consisting of two sets of corallites of different sizes, and mostly with a different internal structure. At the same time, he considers the Helioporidae and Monticuliporidae as quite distinct.

Prof. Nicholson then discusses at some length the structure of Mr. Waters' and Mr. Busk's recent species of Heteropora from New Zealand, and concludes that there is no real relationship between Heteropora and Monticuli-Unfortunately, the animal of the recent Heteropora has not as yet been examined. Dried skeletons only have been studied; and our author throws out a suggestion that this Heteropora may possibly prove to be Coelenterate, and not Polyzoan after all. This remains to be seen. Mr. Busk, at all events, is convinced, from the structure of its skeleton, of its Polyzoan nature. We would suggest further that very possibly some out of the Secondary and Tertiary calcareous skeletons now classed under Heteropora may prove eventually not to be closely allied to the recent New Zealand form, but of other affinities altogether.

We cannot follow Prof. Nicholson further into the part of his work which is devoted to the description of the subdivisions of Monticulipora; it is far too special in its nature to be dealt with in these pages. It gives evidence of prolonged labour and study.

H. N. MOSELEY.

THE JUBILEE MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

II. THE jubilee meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which terminated its labours last Wednesday, has been an undoubted success. It was welcomed back by its mother with open arms; and in its turn it is ever ready to trace any good that it may have done in the world to the fostering care which it received at the time of its birth from the Philosophical Society of this city. The idea originated in Germany. Nine years before the Association was set on foot in this country, Dr. Oken, of Munich, founded an "Association of Physicians and Naturalists," mainly for the Physicians and Naturalists," mainly for the purpose of making scientific men better acquainted with each other. At the first meeting, in Leipzig, twenty residents were present and twelve visitors; but six years later, at the Congress of Berlin, Humboldt was the president, the King of Prussia was a patron, and 1,200 persons attended the soirée. The meeting last was a way wear was in Hamburg and received. next year was in Hamburg, and nearly 300 visitors from a distance were present, including Mr. Babbage and Prof. Johnstone. The latter described the meeting in the Edinburgh Journal of Science, and Brewster was induced thereby to propose the founding of a similar institution in England. Perhaps, moreover, Mr. Babbage's remarkable work On the Decline of Science in England, and Some of its Causes, may have helped to forward the same end. Brewster, in writing to John Phillips, who was at that time secretary of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, after alluding to the German society, says, "My object in writing to you at present is to beg of you to ascertain if York will furnish the accommodation necessary for so large a meeting, which might perhaps consist of one hundred individuals." It is clear, therefore, that originally he designed the Association rather as a means of bringing together scientific men from distant parts of the country than as a peripatetic scientific academy. How the idea was received by Phillips, and how the Association was instituted and nurtured, we have previously described.

York was chosen as the most central city of the three kingdoms, and it possesses other qualifications as a place of meeting. Many considerable towns are comparatively near to it, and it affords admirable accommodation for the sectional meetings. No less than 2,544 members and associates have attended the meeting which has just concluded, and of these nearly half were associates, and more than 500 were ladies. It compares favourably with the last two meetings in point of numbers—Sheffield, 1,404; Swansea, 915; but, in 1878, the Dublin meeting was attended by 2,615; and, in 1863, no less than 3,335 persons were present at Newcastle-The moneys received for membership on.Tyne. and associateship are devoted to the furtherance of scientific objects; and, while only £20 was thus granted in 1834, nearly £2,000 was paid out for scientific purposes in 1868. Many of the valuable Reports which appear from time to time in the *Transactions* of this Association are the outcome of this fund. It has been urged that, as the Government now grant £5,000 annually for the furtherance of scientific research, the main raison d'être of the British Association fund has disappeared; but we venture to think that there is some good work still waiting to be done by it.

Although during the week we have had the attractions of the Minster and many objects of antiquarian interest, together with the usual soirées, garden parties, evening lectures, visits to manufactories, and so on, the sectional meetings have been uncommonly well attended, and the addresses and papers listened to with unflagging interest. More than 300 of the most notable men of science in the kingdom were connected with the various sections either as vice-presidents or as members of committee; and former presidents of the Association have this year presided over the sections

ciation have this year presided over the sections. Sir William Thomson's address to the Physical and Mathematical section discussed the sources of energy in Nature available to man. He showed that these may be divided into five heads—tides, food, fuel, wind, and rain—and he discussed each one separately. The great cost of dock construction renders the application of tides prohibitory. Wind is, however, more hopeful; and, now that we have Faure's accumulators, what we want as convenient sources of power are cheap windmills. Rain is out of the question. A tank which would contain water furnished by our annual rain-fall sufficient by its fall to produce a continuous supply of one horse-power would require to be raised 320 feet above the earth, and to have an area of more than 3,000 square yards.

"We may or we may not look forward hopefully to the time when windmills will again 'lend revolving animation' to a dull, flat country; but we certainly need not be afraid that the scene will be marred by forests of iron columns, taking the place of natural trees, and gigantic tanks overshadowing the fields and blackening the horizon."

The generation of electricity by utilising the Niagara Falls was then discussed, the loss due to resistance, and the ultimate application of the force "at the civilised end" of the con-

ducting wire. Afterwards a paper was read by Prof. Balfour Stewart on the existence of an intramercurial planet, which was supported by certain sun-spot inequalities. Dr. Huggins described the photographic appearance of the comet which was recently visible, and asserted the presence in the cometary matter of carbon, hydrogen, and probably nitrogen. Mr. Siemens gave an account of some curious experiments on the ripening of fruits by electric light, which was found to have effects on plant growth similar to those of sunlight.

Electricity was the prominent subject of the Physical section this year: Sir W. Thomson fully discussed the Faure accumulator on the second day of meeting; Mr. Preece read a paper on the application of electricity to the detection of bullets in wounds; and Prof. Silvanus Thompson one on electric conductivity. The section did not meet on Saturday.

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The Report on meteoric dust was presented on Monday. The committee was appointed last year at Swansea at the suggestion of Sir William Thomson, and its object was to collect evidence from all sources as to the occurrence and nature of the fine dust which from time to time falls upon large tracts of country. According to some observers, this is terrestrial dust raised into the air by an ascending cyclone, carried along horizontally, and brought down to the earth again by a descending cyclone. Tacchini has clearly proved that the brown dust which not infrequently falls in Sicily, and is sometimes carried as far as Northern Italy, is dust of the Sahara transported under certain well-defined atmospheric conditions. On the other hand, from the fact of this dust having been found upon vast snowy wastes far from a desert, it has been believed by many to be of extra-terrestrial origin; and it is curious that it often contains metallic iron and nickel, both of which substances are found in meteoric bodies. Sir William Thomson suggested Canada as a very suitable locality for collecting the dust, on account of its great expanses of snow. He further stated that he considered it not improbable that the whole fabric of the earth had been built up of meteorites, and that hence it was most important to ascertain whether the work of building up was still going on, and, if so, to what extent. He also reverted to the idea which he originated a few years ago that it is quite conceivable that the germs of plant-life might have been brought to the earth by a meteorite. We cannot but think, however, that, if admitted to be conceivable, this speculation is to the last degree improbable, because the seeds would first be submitted to the intense cold of interstellar space, and afterwards to the heat developed by the friction of the meteorite with the atmosphere of the earth.

A paper which excited much interest was read in the Chemical section by Prof. Dewar, "On the Alleged Decomposition of the Elements." From certain changes which the spectra of the so-called elements undergo when submitted to different conditions of temperature, Mr. Norman Lockyer has inferred that many of these bodies are really compounds. Prof. Dewar has examined this evidence, and considers that it is insufficient, and unsupported by chemical analysis. Prof. Cooke concurred in this opinion, so that the question remains quite open for the present.

Among the Reports read in the Geological section was one by Mr. C. E. De Rance on the circulation of underground waters. It is obvious that if the annual rainfall is known, and the extent to which any given strata absorb water, and the area of such strata, the amount of water circulating beneath it can be estimated; and it was thus calculated that beneath the Permian, Triassic, and Oolitic strata of England enough water circulates for the supply of 100,000,000 of people. The rain which falls

upon the earth disappears in three ways:-a portion of it is evaporated into the air again; a portion of it is evaporated into the air again; a portion runs off the surface to a lower level, forming rivers and lakes; and a portion sinks into the soil. A somewhat complex paper in the same section, by Mr. Wethered, discussed the formation of coal, and combated some of the views held in regard to it. According to the author, the vegetation of the period-Lepidodendra, Sigillaria, Calamites, &c .- grew on the land; and, as the latter sank and the waters encroached, the land vegetation disappeared, the ground became swampy, and a vegetation of reeds, mosses, and dense marsh-plants sprang up. To the decay of this latter vegetation under pressure, he attributed the formation of coal, rather than to Lepidodendra and larger plants.

Section A. has this year, for the first time, been divided into a physical and a mathematical branch. The latter has been in a very vigorous condition, and no less than twenty-two papers were set down for the first day of meeting. A number of very eminent mathematicians have been present at the Association — Messrs. Spottiswoode, Cayley, Stokes, Ball, Glaisher, Halphen, Genese, Sturm, William Thompson, and a Greek mathematician studying in Paris, Cyparissos Stephanos by name, among the

Prof. Williamson's address to the Chemical section related to the growth of the atomic theory, which was fully discussed in reference to the most recent developments. The force of chemical combination was defined as a function of atomic motion, and the relative velocities of certain atomic interchanges was stated to afford a measure of the amount of chemical action taking place between two substances. Papers were read on the chemical action between solids, the hot springs of New Zealand, the fluid density of metals, and the occlusion of gaseous matter by fused silicates at high temperatures. The latter is of particular interest as bearing upon volcanic action. It is well known that enormous volumes of vaporous matter, mainly steam, are emitted from molten lava; this undoubtedly exists shut up in the lava under high pressure, and is released when the lava

rises to the surface.

In the Geological section, Prof. Ramsay, the late president of the Association, after sketching the rise of the Geological Society, traced the connexion of the Association with the great geologists of half-a-century ago, and with the geological history of the time. He alluded specially to the carrying out of extensive geological surveys in this and other countries. Papers were read by Prof. Hull on the Laurentian beds, by Mr. Hunt on Channel dredging, and by Prof. Prestwich on the causes of volcanic action. In the latter paper, the author fully discussed the influence of water on volcanic action, and finally arrived at the following conclusions:—The first cause of volcanic action is due to the contraction of the earth's crust, which, in consequence of the pressure which it produces, causes lava to extrude through orifices and fissures; secondly, the extruded lava, when it comes into contact with the water stored up in cavities and crevices in the volcano, causes the production of high-pressure steam, resulting in detonations and explosions. This is followed by the influx of water from surrounding strata into the volcano; and, lastly, when these subterranean masses of water are expelled as steam, seawater flows in to restore the equilibrium. Prof. Sollas also contributed a paper bearing on the same subject, on the connexion between the intrusion of volcanic rock and volcanic eruptions.

In the Biological section, Prof. Owen, the president, gave a history of the new Natural History Museum at South Kensington, which

will be read with interest by those who have followed the discussion of the subject in the House of Commons. In the increasingly popular department of anthropology Prof. W. H. Flower, after alluding to Mr. E. B. Tylor's recent work on the subject, the first published in English with that title, gave a succinct account of the recent advances in the science, and particularly of the labours of the anthropometric committee, the Report of which was afterwards read. The Viking ship dis-covered in a mound at Sandefjord, in Norway, in 1880, was minutely described Mr. G. Harris Stone; and Gen. Pitt-Rivers read papers on the entrenchments of the Yorkshire Wolds and

on the Nile Valley.

In the Geographical section the communications were, as usual, of general interest, and the commodious building allotted to the section was well filled. The president, Sir J. D. Hooker, gave an address on geographical distribution; and papers were read on the equipment of exand papers were read on the equipment of exploring expeditions, the geography of Palestine, and maritime research. Sir Richard Temple gave a lengthy account of the progress of geography in Asia during the last fifty years. The opening addresses of the remaining sections—Economic Science and Statistics, and Mechanical Science-the former by Mr. Grant Duff and the latter by Sir William Armstrong, presented a luminous treatment of the most prominent questions of the hour connected with these

The interest of the meetings was well sustained on Tuesday—the last day of meeting in the case of several sections. Mr. G. H. Darwin read the lengthy Report of the committee appointed for the measurement of the lunar disturbance of gravity; Mr. G. J. Symons gave an account of an interesting series of experiments on the rainfall on the summit of York Minster and at its base; and Mr. Brearey described his most recent experiments on artificial flight. The president of the Chemical section discussed the present condition of chemical nomenclature; and Sir

John Lubbock read a long paper on the habits of bees, which led to a good deal of discussion.

On Wednesday, the sections of Biology, Geography, and Economic Science and Statistics did not meet; but, although only a few possible hours remained for the purpose, there were nineteen papers set down for reading in the Physical section, twelve in the Chemical, ten in the Geological, and seven in the Mechanical

Although we must not expect that much original work will ever make its appearance through the medium of the British Association, it cannot be denied that knowledge of such work is widely spread by its means. During the last week more than 300 papers or reports have been read; and all the most prominent scientific and technical questions of the day have been completely discussed, and many theories thoroughly sifted and examined.

The meeting will be held next year at South-ampton, and in 1883 at Oxford. £1,300 has been granted from the funds of the Association for purposes of research and for committees.

Among the first members of the British Association we find the names of John Dalton, Davies Gilbert, William Smith, and William Hutton. They lived in our fathers' time, yet such has been the rapid advance of the sciences that their ideas seem to us most antiquated. The echo of their voices comes as a muffled sound which has almost died away. Scarce more ancient do we deem Galileo, and Descartes, and Mersennus. Our founders connect the science of the last century with that of the present; some of them saw the discovery of oxygen; the destruction of the oldest physical theory which the world has known—the doctrine of four elements; the discovery of voltaic electricity; and the brilliant researches of Davy.

The times have changed, but we have not changed with them. We try to discover the causes of things by the same methods of thought and of action which they employed; and our attitude is not that of high-priests striving to enter into the holy of holies, but of children ricking up pebbles on the shore of a boundless. picking up pebbles on the shore of a boundless and unexplored ocean. G. F. RODWELL.

OBITUARY.

PROF. DOWSON.

THE death of Prof. John Dowson, at the age of sixty-one, will be regretted by all who know how to value solid learning and honest work. He was not an Orientalist of the very first rank, for he lacked the linguistic instinct and genius for interpretation which belong to the highest scholarship; but whatever he did was marked by thoroughness and patient accuracy, and in his proper sphere it will be difficult to find a

worthy successor.

It was under Edwin Norris, whom he assisted for some years in his work at the Royal Asiatic Society, that John Dowson's talent for Eastern languages was first developed, and his career as an Orientalist definitely marked out. Subsequently, as a tutor at Haileybury, and then as Professor of Hindustani at the Staff College, Sandhurst, he justified the expectations which were entertained of his powers as a teacher of the languages of India. He held the professorship at the Staff College till within a few years of his death, and in connexion with his work there he issued two valuable aids to the student. The first was a translation of the Ikhwanu-s-Safa, and the second a Grammar of the Urdu or Hindustani Language, published by Messrs. Trübner in 1869 and 1872 respectively. The former is not the whole Arabic philosophical cyclopaedia of the "Brotherhood of Purity," but only that one out of their fifty treatises which has become a favourite Indian readingbook in its Hindustani translation, and which Prof. Dieterici has made popular in Germany under the title of Thier und Mensch. Prof. Dowson treats the book merely from the scholastic point of view, and does not enter into the interesting questions connected with the "Brotherhood" and their theories of reform. In this limited field, as a teaching book, his translation is serviceable and accurate, and has smoothed the way of the student considerably. His Urdu Grammar is certainly the best in existence. Written simply as a student's manual, it is clear and well arranged, and has deservedly won a large measure of popularity.

The work, however, on which Prof. Dowson's

title to fame will mainly rest is his History of India as told by its own Historians, edited from the papers of Sir H. M. Elliot, K.C.B. These eight substantial volumes, which must have demanded a vast amount of labour and research, for the first time lay the solid foundations of a detailed History of India during the Mohammedan period—a work which has never yet been satisfactorily written, and can only be attempted with any chance of success by the help of the materials which Prof. Dowson has brought together. Another useful compilation is his Classical Dictionary of Hindu Mythology and Religion, Geography, History, and Literature, which he contributed to Trübner's "Oriental Series" in 1879. Such a work is in its essence tentative and temporary; but it is none the less a real gain to the student of Ancient India; and its accuracy and wide reach must give it a value which the progress of Oriental research can never render entirely obsolete. Prof. Dowson's contributions to the Encyclopaedia Britannica and to the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society are distinguished by the same sterling qualities as his larger works. In the latter he published, in 1850, a translation from the Per-

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sian-on the route from Kashmir to Yarkand; in 1863, 1865, 1871, and 1875, papers on various Indian inscriptions, on which his judgment was highly esteemed; and this year an interest-ing essay on the *Invention of the Indian* Alphabet, for which he claimed a Hindu origin, against the opinion of most scholars, but nevertheless with some plausibility. The researches, however, of M. Terrien de la Couperie do not by any means favour Prof. Dowson's views.

The severe labour of the History of India and his professorial duties never hindered Prof. Dowson from the exercise of that generosity which is not too common among scholars. He was ever ready to place all the results of his learning at the service of anyone who asked his aid; and even in his professional capacity his teaching was often given without thought

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

THE September number of the Monthly Record of Geography opens with Col. C. E. Stewart's paper on the country of the Tekke Turkomans and neighbouring region, which is of considerable interest at the present time, especially as it is accompanied by a large-scale map of a vast extent of country to the east and south-east of the Caspian Sea. This map gives the re-sults not only of Col. Stewart's surveys, but also of those of Major Napier and the Russian tepographers, and is one of the best published by the Royal Geographical Society for some time. Dr. Southon, who is now stationed at Mirambo's capital in East Central Africa, contributes notes of his journey through Northern Ugogo. There is also a good account of the recent journey of Messrs. Crudgington and Bentley to Stanley Pool, which was referred to in our last issue. As a matter of course, prominence is given in the geo-graphical notes to the journey of Dr. Matteucci and Lieut. Massari across Africa from the Red Sea to the Gulf of Guinea. Some account is afterwards furnished of information regarding Usagara from a recent report by Capt. Bloyet, the founder of the French station at Mkondoa, or rather Kwâ-Mgungu, in East Africa. A note on the Chinese province of Yünnan is of interest from the point of view of commercial geography, which is too much neglected in this country. Under the head of "Corre-spondence" Mr. William H. Dall, of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, furnishes some valuable notes on the Chukches and their neighbours in the North-eastern extremity of Siberia.

THE Rev. Dr. Hannington left England last week to reinforce the mission station at Living-stonia, Lake Nyassa. Dr. Laws, who is in charge of the mission, has just sent home news of the founding of a new station at Bandawe.

THE Church Missionary Society have received letters from Uganda down to April 10. The Rev. P. O'Flaherty and Mr. C. Stokes, with the three Waganda chiefs who visited this country rather more than a year ago, reached Rubaga on March 18, and were received very warmly by King Mtesa, who has sent a letter to the Queen respecting them. Mr. Stokes and Mr. Pearson then left Uganda for the southern side of the lake.

Dr. BAYOL, whose expedition to the Futa Jallon highlands, in West Africa, we have before referred to, has succeeded in reaching Timbo, which he left again on July 20 for the Senegal. A commercial expedition under M. Gaboriaud is also on its way to Timbo, and by last advices had reached the sources of the Gambia.

MARQUIS TSENG, the Chinese Minister to

Petersburg to have prepared for him a map, to be drawn on blue satin, of the Kulja territory, as defined by the recently ratified treaty with China. The map is to be sent to Peking to be submitted to the Emperor.

An expedition was despatched to the Gran Chaco on July 15 by the Government of the Argentine Republic. The party will follow the banks of the Rio Vermejo, a tributary of the Paraguay, and advance as near its sources as possible. They will investigate the fauna and flora of the neighbouring region, and make careful observations on its climate, with a view, no doubt, to eventual colonisation.

LIEUT. Bove, of the Italian Navy, who accompanied Prof. Nordenskjöld in the Vega, left for Buenos Ayres last week on an expedition to Southern Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, where he will join the Argentine Minister of the Interior. The object of his journey is, we believe, to establish a meteorological station in connexion with the proposed Italian Antarctic expedition.

PHILOLOGY NOTES.

PRINCE LOUIS-LUCIEN BONAPARTE will open the next session of the Philological Society with a paper, lasting two evenings, on "The Simple Sounds of the Living Slavonic Language compared with those of the Principal Neo-Latin and Germanic Tongues."

PROF. PAUL MEYER has returned to Paris, after a short tour in England seeing Old-French MSS. at the British Museum, Bodleian, and Sir Thomas Phillipps's Library at Cheltenham, and staying a few days in North Wales.

MISS LEE wishes us to state that another pupil of the late Prof. Benfey, Mr. John Bury, is working at the englishing of the Maha-bhàrata with her. Each of them hopes to do half the translation of the entire work.

DR. RICHARD MORRIS has englished for the Chaucer Society's "Originals and Analogues of The Canterbury Tales," part of the Vedabbhajátaka, containing the original story of the double crime in the Pardoner's Tale.

WE hear that Mr. Paley has compiled a short treatise on The Greek Particles and their Combinations according to Attic Usage, chiefly for the purpose of encouraging a study of the subject in the upper classes of public schools. The same editor is preparing an edition of the Troades of Euripides for the series of "Cam-bridge Texts with Notes." A second series of his entertaining examples of Greek Wit is in the

THE Clarendon Press will publish shortly a new edition of the Book of Wisdom, by the Rev. W. J. Deane. The editor's object is, first, to give a fresh recension of the text, with a collation of the principal MSS., especially of the Sinaitic Codex, which was not used by Tischendorf in his latest edition of the Septuagint. The Latin Vulgate and the English Version are added in parallel columns for the purpose of comparison. In the Prolegomena, the course of Greek philosophy is traced, and a rapid sketch of the Jewish Alexandrian school is given, showing the nature of its influence on the language and doctrine of Christianity, and the place which the Book of Wisdom occupies in this phase of religious development. The commentary illustrates the text by reference to Philo, Josephus, the Targums, the New Testament, Alexandrian writers, and the early fathers, and likewise notes the peculiarities in the language of the Latin Vulgate, which in this book is especially interesting.

Among the recent publications of Messrs. England, France, and Russia is said to have asked the Imperial Geographical Society at St. Köhler, of Breslau, we notice two monographs of some interest to students of Early English.

One is on the oldest Middle-English version of the Assumptio Mariae, by F. Gierth; and the other, by M. Kaluza, on the relations of the Middle-English alliterative poem William of Palerne to its French original.

MR. WICKHAM'S edition of the Odes, Epodes, and Carmen Sacculare of Horace will be published almost immediately in a cheaper form for schools by the Clarendon Press.

FINE ART.

KRAUS ON CHRISTIAN ART.

Synchronistische Tabellen zur christlichen Kunstgeschichte. Ein Hülfsbuch für Stu-dierende. Von Dr. Franz Xaver Kraus, o. oe. Professor an der Universität Freiburg. (Freiburg: Herder.)

PROF. KRAUS, of Freiburg University, by his works on ecclesiastical history and Christian archaeology, is justly entitled to take rank with the first archaeologists of Germany. Among German Catholic divines he is second to none in a masterly grasp of the different periods of Christian art, and more especially in extensive knowledge of Christian antiquity.

He has just published a new work, which deserves to be made widely known for many reasons. Through the author's modesty, it is called a text-book for students; but we feel assured that it will prove extremely useful not only to students in the universities, but to every scholar, however profoundly versed in the different periods and schools of art. So far as we are acquainted with the literature of art, a practical work such as the Tabellen of our author has not hitherto appeared. Dr. Kraus aims not at bringing fresh results of artistic studies before the public; his object is to enable us to take a view-quasi uno obtutu-of Christian art from the first century down to 1880. His principal merit consists in the skilful arrangement of the immense mass of names and dates. I may be allowed to briefly point out the arrangement of the Tabellen. Every two pages combined are divided into six columns. They contain—(1) the current number of our era, together with the most prominent events in general culture; (2) architecture; (3) sculpture; (4) painting; (5) industrial arts; (6) literature of art. But our author does not content himself with affording a bare enumeration of names of artists and their works; on the contrary, he develops the inner connexion of every succeeding period of art with its predecessor, and, in a few masterly words, shows the most striking characteristics of every period. I particularly refer to pp. 54 and 60, where he accurately traces the Roman style; and pp. 84, 86, and 110, where the Gothic, Early-English, and Tudor styles are described.

Prof. Kraus's book is deserving of special interest on the part of English students and scholars; there does not exist in England any precious object of art which is not conscientiously registered. We might urge the student's attention to the interesting and learned paragraphs at pp. 231 and 235, treating of English engravers; and at p. 237, of English wood-cutting during the eighteenth century. The Tabellen come down to 1880, and are provided with two elaborate registers. May I express the hope that an English translation of this useful, or rather indispensable, book will be brought out ere long? ALFONSUS BELLESHEIM.

ART PUBLICATIONS.

Birket Foster's Pictures of English Landscape. Engraved by the Brothers Dalziel. With Pictures in Words by Tom Taylor. (Routledge.) During the nineteen years which have elapsed since these pictures were first published there has been so much progress in art processes, and so many changes in art fashions, that it says not a little for the inherent beauty of Mr. Birket Foster's designs and the skill of Messrs. Dalziel's wood-cutting that there is nothing in this volume which appears ill done or oldfashioned. There are few artists who have been so long and so continuously before the public as Mr. Birket Foster, and none, we think, who has produced such a number of designs without in any degree wearying the public. To say that he has no mannerism, or that his range is unlimited, would be to say of him what could not be said with truth about any artist, but his manner is never stale, and his variety is great within his range. In many of these pictures Mr. Foster has, for instance, introduced ducks in his foreground, but they are never the same ducks; his bramble-brakes and his old elms are among his specialties, but no two are alike; and his figures, though they appear familiar, are never repeated. It is the same with his composition, which, though always governed by an amenity peculiar to the artist, is as various as nature itself. It is the sweetness of English country scenery, the charm of pastoral peace, the rest that lingers by the silent pool, the delightful idleness of the farm-yard, the unanxious labour of the peasant-in short, the beauty and quiet of country life-that inspires his pencil. Herein lies at least one part of the secret of his long and deserved popularity; he draws what we all like to see as we are accustomed to see it. He makes us share his pleasures in shady lanes and open field, in trim cottage and ricketty barn, in ducks and children, cows and sheep. His work is a holiday to us, whether he takes us to France, as he did so delightfully but a year or two ago, or whether he only takes a house in the country for us, as in this charming

THE reproductions from studies in black and white by the late Henry Dawson, to which we called attention last week as on view at Messrs. Deighton's, at Charing Cross, are five in number, and the same size as the originals, the largest being only eight inches long. They comprise A Study of Distant Mountains, A Mountain Ravine, a Composition with Ruined Castle, A Study of a Sky, and A Wooded Pathway. The materials employed in these poetical little studies were nothing but the snuff and grease of a tallow candle, with black and white chalk for the skies, and the effect in each case is rich and luminous. Those familiar with Turner's designs will not fail to see that Henry Dawson was a student of his noble work, and one who followed him frankly (as Thackeray followed Fielding) without loss of his own individuality. Such small studies as these, executed with rapidity, and with such rough materials, how-ever delicate they may be in light and tone, cannot, of course, be remarkable for minuteness of execution; they are artistic germs, "models" of effects and composition, broad, refined, and glowing, each of which could have been worked out into a grand picture with little, if any, alteration of the general scheme. Whatever Whatever the process which has been employed by Mr. Alfred Dawson in reproducing his father's sketches, there can be but one opinion about the

spirit, but the very touch, of the originals is evidently preserved with exact fidelity.

We have received from Herr E. A. Seemann, of Leipzig, the ninth part of Woltmann and Woermann's History of Painting. In this part is begun the history of German painting in the first half of the sixteenth century; and Dürer's life and works are treated in a thoroughly scientific manner, the results of the latest knowledge on the subject being stated and authorities strictly quoted. There is an excellent account also of the "Little Masters," especially of the Behams, whose works receive abundant illustration. The illustrations, indeed, through all this History are so abundant and, on the whole, so good that readers run little risk of being wearied by long descriptions of works they have not seen and are unable to realise. We reserve speaking of this History of Painting more fully until it is completed. Meanwhile, however, we would commend it not only for its German exhaustiveness, but also for a quality which is not generally to be found in German works of the kind—its clear and concise style.

THE chief article in the Gazette des Beaux-Arts this month is a sketch of the life of the late M. Mariette by Arthur Rhoné, who describes the numerous discoveries made by Mariette in Egypt during the last thirty years. It seems almost incredible, when these are summed up, that they should all be due to the scientific enthusiasm of one man; yet it was undoubtedly Mariette who shook the apathy with which a nation, engrossed in its material wants, regarded all questions of purely intellectual interest, and opened the way for effectual research by forcing Egypt to guard her ancient monuments from spoliation, and to organise a system for the preservation of her antiquities, which had before been carried off by whomsoever might be the fortunate finder. As the creator of the museum at Boolak, Mariette-Pasha will be long remembered as having been the first to awaken Egypt to a scientific interest in the records of its vast past; and whatever discoveries may be yet to be made, they will have been furthered by his wonderfully successful labours. The other articles of the number deal mostly with exhibitions and collections, with the exception of a short note by M. Charles Ephrussi on the supposed connexion between Dürer's three well-known engravings, the Melencolia, the Knight, Death, and Devil, and the St. Jerome in his Chamber. It has often been surmised that the Melencolia was the first of a series intended by Dürer to illustrate the Four Temperaments, a favourite subject of art in his time; and various ingenious theorisers have endeavoured to show that the other two plates may have carried out this idea. But, in spite of Prof. Thausing's clever advo-cacy, the "hypothesis of the Temperaments," as it may be called, is found to rest, when examined, on no other basis than pure imagination and the similarity in size of the three engravings. It scarcely needed that M. Ephrussi should combat it seriously, but such is the fascination of Dürer's enigmas that no one can help seeking to solve them. M. Ephrussi, in his turn, is, of course, ready with an interpretation.

MICHELANGELO'S "ENTOMBMENT OF OUR SAVIOUR" IN THE NATIONAL GALLERY,

THE picture traditionally bearing this title has been criticised by Mr. J. C. Robinson in a letter, contributed to the *Times* of September 1, which has everywhere excited much interest.

Alfred Dawson in reproducing his father's sketches, there can be but one opinion about the success and beauty of the result; not only the his coulptor, rival and enemy of Michelangelo,

who, as Vasari informs us, at one period attempted also to paint pictures. The following quotation from Vasari agrees both with the composition and with the unfinished state of the picture in the National Gallery:—

"About this time (1526) Baccio Bandinelli had undertaken to paint a large panel picture for the church of Cestello, and he made a very fine cartoon for it, the subject representing the dead Christ with the Marys around him and Nicodemus with other figures; but he did not paint the picture, for the reason hereafter stated (. . dentrovi Cristo morto e le Marie intorno e Nicodemo con altre figure; ma la tavola non depinse . .)

"Certain it was that, although Baccio's designs were most beautiful, his colouring and mode of painting were bad and spiritless. For this reason he resolved no longer to execute his pictures with his own hand, and he took to himself a young man who handled the colours very cleverly, named Agnolo, brother of the eminent painter Francia Bigio, who had died a few years before, and to this Agnolo Baccio committed the execution of the Cestello picture; but it was left unfinished, and the cause was the disturbance of all affairs which ensued in the year 1527," &c.

The Entombment in the National Gallery is executed in oil colours, whereas Michelangelo is known to have had, in his later years, a great dislike to this vehicle of colouring. Still greater weight attaches to Mr. Robinson's statement that his intimate acquaintance with Bandinelli's drawings is the principal ground of his conviction that the picture is by the hand of that master.

The whole of these arguments put forth by one of the best-known connoisseurs in the country will generally be accepted as conclusive. Yet there appear to me to remain some questions of detail still unanswered.

But, before stating them here, I think it advisable to give a translation of Dr. G. Frizzoni's criticisms about the picture in question, the more so as I fully agree with Mr. Robinson's general appreciation of this gentleman's authoritative knowledge of Italian art. His essays entitled "L' Arte italiana nella Galleria Nazionale di Londra," which originally appeared in the Archivio Storico italiano, were republished last year in a privately printed pamphlet. Dr. Frizzoni says:—

"The Entombment, a composition of seven figures, nearly life-size, is painted on panel, but lett unfinished. Some consider it to be a doubtful picture; others take it for a valuable and doubtless original work of Buonaroti's. Although the composition appears to me to be not in the least attractive nor even successful (and for this very reason the picture might have been left unfinished), yet I cannot but consider it to be an original, and moreover a specially interesting one, and worthy of being looked at closely by those who wish to study the master in the numerous characteristic features of his style. In my opinion it is an early work of his; and this becomes evident, especially from the purity and delicacy in the features of one of the Marys, standing on the right side, in which, if I am not mistaken, the pure types of his first master, Domenico Ghirlandsio, are much more perceptible than Buonaroti's own grand style. In other parts, however, the sculpturesque manner of modelling peculiar to him is not less noticeable—in the muscles, sturdy as usual, and in the prominent rendering of the skeleton. In this respect the Entombment appears to me to have a close and decided resemblance with his fine Tondo in the Tribuna at the Uffizi Palace, and also with the fresce paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, which are known to represent his early manner. In all these works there prevails the same severity and depth of expression, the same eccentric disregard of charm and beauty, which is the spontaneous expression of the artist's stern and independent mind, despising all aesthetic exigencies, even trespassing against the rules of proportion and the intended equilibrium of the composition, by which works of art gain at first sight the admiration of the spectator."

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Dr. Frizzoni, who, I believe, examined the picture very carefully, was not inclined to give up its authenticity; but his defence of Michel angelo's authorship will perhaps, after Mr. Robinson's discovery, not be accepted everywhere as conclusive, although it must be admitted to contain a very valuable analysis of

But, before we accept Mr. Robinson's identification of the picture with the Cestello picture drawn by Bandinelli and painted by Agnolo Bigio, the following question of consideragnoto Bigio, the following question of considerable importance arises—viz., whether there is any affinity between the colouring in the Entombment and in known paintings by the hand of Bandinelli's companion, Agnolo. Authenticated paintings by Agnolo are, unfortunately, not at hand. But Vasari is certainly right in saying that Agnolo was taught painting by his elder brother, Francia Bigio; and, as Agnolo is scarcely to be considered as an independent artist, we may fairly assume that his attainments in colouring remained within the limits of his brother's style, which is well known from numerous works to have been formed upon the principles of Andrea del Sarto, the greatest colourist among the Florentine artists. A genuine picture by Francia Bigio happens to hang just opposite the Entombment in Room XV. at the National Gallery; and, in comparing one with the other, it is hardly possible to detect any points which might justify Mr. Robinson's conclusion. Bandinelli's *Entombment* was certainly executed during the years 1526 and 1527, as we have already seen. It seems to me most difficult to admit that, at so advanced a date, the very primitive colouring, so conspicuous in the dis-puted picture, should have been adopted by a painter who must have professed the most advanced colouristic principles ever adopted in Florentine art. If, on the other hand, the picture is really an early work of Michelangelo's, as I am still inclined to maintain with Dr. Frizzoni, there will be no difficulty whatever in this respect. The rather striking coincidence of the passage quoted from Vasari's Life of Bandinelli with the subject of the picture may possibly find a satisfactory explanation in the undoubted fact that this very subject is met with in numerous pictures of the time; although it must be admitted that this is perhaps the only one which has come down to us in an unfinished

According to Mr. Robinson, the picture in the National Gallery "is conceived and executed in a grand and imposing manner, and even the physical and physiognomic types of Michelangelo appear to be, to some extent, reproduced in it." Yet we are also told that "it is impossible not to recognise in every part of this fine composition the style of design and personal peculiarities of Bandinelli, rather than those of Michelangelo." There is, I admit, some similarity between the general arrangements of the drapery in the picture and that in some drawings of his—for instance, in the British Museum, where, among others, a complete sketch-book of Bandinelli is preserved. Among the drawings by Michelangelo in the National collection, there are none which can be ascribed to his early period. But whoever wishes to form for himself an independent opinion about the disputed picture should not omit, as Dr. Frizzoni has already suggested, to enter into a close comparison of the Entombment with Michelangelo's Tondo in the Uffizi, which has often been reproduced successfully in photography.

It is of course scarcely possible for me to explain in words, without the help of accompanying illustrations, what I consider to be Michelangelo's peculiar manner of drawing, which appears to me obvious in the *Entombment* in the National Gallery. And I dare not hope to

influence the opinions of those who have no sympathy with the systematic study of individual styles, which is still commonly considered to be a field for caprice rather than a reliable basis of knowledge.

J. P. RICHTER.

THE ART EXHIBITION AT GLASGOW.

THE Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts has just opened its second exhibition of works in black and white, to which has been added—as its last exhibition was supplemented by a series of paintings by Bough and Chalmers—a collection of water-colours by the members of the Scottish Society of Painters in Water-Colour. A valuable feature of the exhibition is the richness and extent of the drawings contributed by French, Dutch, German, and American artists; certainly so large and typical a display of Continental, and especially of Dutch, monochrome designs has not previously been brought chrome designs has not previously been brought together in Scotland, probably not in Great Britain. Among the works that come from Holland is a large and powerful cottage interior by Artz, a drawing for the oil picture which figured in last year's Salon. Israels has several subjects full of the pensiveness which is the characteristic note of his art; and Mauve shows a crayon drawing of a reclining shepherd in which the colouring of the artist is cleverly suggested. Among Belgian contributors, P. Oyens has an excellently modelled female bust; D. Oyens shows a figure of a smoker singularly original and artistic in its arrangement of light and shade; while Arthur Wasse, of Munich, sends a figure of a young monk bold and powerful in drawing, if somewhat melodramatic in attitude and expression.

Among the finest of the examples by French draughtsmen is a crayon series by Lhermitte. His Marché aux Fleurs de St.-Sulpice is admirable in its expression of sunlight flickering through foliage, and for the vivacity with which the crowd is sketched. In the Cours Philosophie à la Sorbonne, shown at the Dudley Gallery, and reproduced in L'Art, we have excellently seized character in the heads of the varied audience. A still finer design is Les Glaneuses, which has much of the feeling which characterised Millet's scenes of rustic labour in the forms of the peasants bending in the fields beneath a wind-swept sky. Among French masters of pure landscape, Allongé contributes some of the strongest work. His Un Torrent à Avalon, with its poplars and quiet water, is a most typical bit of French landscape. Dornois, Karl Robert, and Dien treat rustic scenery with a facility little known in this country; and P. L. L. Vauther's Place de la Préfecture à Quimper is an example of most suggestive draughtsmanship of architectural detail.

Among the works of British artists is Sir F. Leighton's delicate and tender study of lemon branches. E. J. Poynter has sketches for his Nausicaa, and a singularly spirited battle-scene of Montagues and Capulets. W. J. Macgregor shows a large and impressive evening view of Nairn, with the dark forms of fishing-boats shadowed in the water, which still reflects the last brilliance of the sky; and David Murray takes a foremost place among local artists with a delicately felt flat sketch of country entitled Haymaking in the Fens. From America come twenty-two drawings and etchings contributed by members of the Salmagundi Sketch Club, which are interesting as specimens of a style of art which has recently become familiar to the British public through the excellent wood-cuts of Scribner and Harper. Little Grandmother's Pet, by N. Sarony, is a charming study of quaint child-life—a little girl, prim and mob-capped, like the children of Sir Joshua.

In the department devoted to prints are examples of nearly every modern etcher of note

—indeed, the only two prominent names that we miss from the catalogue are those of Legros and Whistler.

The Scottish Society of Water-Colour Painters, which has added its works to the exhibition of the Institute, now numbers forty members, and has held three previous exhibitions. The present is probably an advance on those of former years; but—with indeed notable exceptions—it shows traces of that undue garishness of colour which distinguishes Scottish water. colour art from English, and still more from French and Dutch. Among the works which are in fullest sympathy with what is best in Continental methods are the contributions of R. W. Allan. His Funeral of Carlyle at Ecclefechan, with its dreary procession winding through the snow and watched by a knot of villagers, is one of the most impressive subjects in the rooms. From R. Herdman, R.S.A., comes a varied and admirable selection of landscape and figure pictures; and Hugh Cameron, R.S.A., Colin Hunter, Wm. M'Taggart, R.S.A., and David Murray contribute excellent work.

NOTES ON ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY.

IT is announced that Mr. Thomas Armstrong will succeed Mr. Poynter, R.A., as Art Director at South Kensington; and Mr. Sparkes (now Head-master) as Principal of the National Art Training School. Mr. Poynter has, however, consented to continue his connexion with the Education Department as Visitor of the Training School.

It is settled that the next annual exhibition of the Society of Painter-Etchers will be held in London next March, and not in New York, as some American papers have announced.

MR. Wedmore delivered an address on Tuesday last, in the main hall of the Cardiff Fine Art Exhibition, on "Turner and his Liber Studiorum," the Dean of Llandaff (Master of the Temple) occupying the chair.

MR. ALDERMAN SAMUELSON has just purchased for the Corporation of Liverpool Mr. D. G. Rossetti's Dante's Dream. The picture embodies the dream of Dante on the day of the death of Beatrice Portinari. The chamber of dreams is depicted through a mystic atmosphere. The treatment throughout is full of symbol, and everywhere a sensible effect, as of trance, is preserved. The picture is mainly distinguished by the qualities of its style, which are of the highest order. The colour is at once sombre and brilliant. It is rarely indeed that a corporate body exhibits so much art-feeling and art-enterprise as are displayed in the purchase of this work by the municipality of Liverpool. The picture will no doubt long remain a prominent attraction in the local permanent collection.

WE learn from the Etcher that the diploma etchings which have determined the election of the seventy fellows of which this society at present consists will shortly be on view at the South Kensington Museum until such time as the society shall have obtained a permanent gallery of its own. We may remark that the subject of M. Edouard Rischgitz's fine study in the current number of the Etcher, entitled "Partridges at Sunrise," ought unmistakeably to be "Grouse."

AFTER the close of the Woollen Exhibition at the Crystal Palace in October, it is proposed to hold an international exhibition in black and white of etchings, engravings, wood-cuts, &c., which will extend over several months.

THE following are other items of news about an art which is yearly increasing in popularity: —Mr. C. P. Slocombe has just fluished a plate after Mr. Boughton's Hester Prynne; Mr. L. J. Steele is engaged upon Mr. Marcus Stone's The Foundling; and Mr. John Park upon Mr. Macallum's Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep, which was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1880. The two latter will be published by Mr. Dunthorne.

THE art of etching, which has long been neglected in Germany, now shows signs of rising steadily in public favour in that country also. During the past summer a collection of work by English etchers has been favour. ably received in a Berlin gallery. The etching of Cologne Cathedral by B. Mannfeld, to which we referred some weeks ago, has received unanimous approval from art critics. And we now read in the German papers that special schools for etching have been founded at the historic centres of Dusseldorf and Weimar. At the latter place, Prof. Willem Linnig, from Belgium, is the leader of the movement, in which Prof. Hagen, Arndt, von Schennis, Baron von Gleichen-Russwurm, Brendel, and other well-known painters are taking a prominent part.

An archaeological find, which may prove to be of considerable importance, is reported to have been made recently at Hampton Wick. When digging the foundations of a house, the workmen came upon a number of earthen vessels, about two feet below the surface. Most of these were broken, but one was saved in perfect condition. They are evidently hand-moulded and sun-dried, and contained charred bones. No doubt they are cinerary urns; but no other remains have been found by which to conjecture their date or the people by whom they were made.

ALL those who know Bologna know that the fuçade of its principal church, St. Petronio, is unfinished. For several years a wish has been growing up that it might be worthily completed; and on May 29 last a large and influential meeting of citizens was held, thanks to the energy and perseverance of a young architect, Signor Giuseppe Ceri, to consider the plans and estimates which he had to lay before them. The Bolognese are proverbially attached to and proud of their city and its monuments, and the meeting represented every class of society and every shade of political opinion; and for this, as well as for its unanimity, it may be regarded as noteworthy. An acting committee of seven was elected, which included the Cardinal Archbishop of Bologna and Count Aurelio Saffi, the eminent patriot and liberal, who spent so many years of exile in England. Of course Signor Ceri is also on the committee; and the brilliant success of this first decided movement is greatly owing to him, for he has devoted himself for many years to this object, and has declared that, which ever design for the façade may be chosen, it shall receive his loyal co-operation and support. What is sought is to follow as closely as possible the design already begun on the lower part of the façade by the original builders. It is proposed to collect the sum necessary (under £50,000 sterling) by small subscriptions throughout the province of Bologns, one of the most public-spirited in Italy; we think, however, that the scheme, and the spirit in which it is conceived. will not fail to appeal successfully to English lovers of Italy and of her beautiful edifices.

THE picturesque town of Freiburg, in Switzerland, has lately added to its attractions an art museum created by the munificent legacy of the late Duchess Aldovrandi, better known under her art-name of Marcello. This distinguished lady, a Swiss by birth, has not only left a large number of her own works, both in sculpture and painting, to her native country, but has also bestowed, for the purpose of founding a museum at Freiburg, most of the treasures of her art collection. These include a very fine Velasquez and several good works by old

masters; and, what will perhaps be of more value some day, a large number of paintings, drawings, and studies that had been given her as marks of friendship by some of the most eminent French artists of the present time and immediate past. Among the names cited are those of Delacroix, Rude, Courbet, Carpeaux, Fortuny, Regnault, Boulanger, Hébert, and Clésinger.

THE Royal Museum of Berlin has just received some archaeological treasures, which are believed to be unique of their kind, at least in the Old World. They are sculptured stones from Santa Lucia de Consumalgapan, in Guatemala, the excavation of which has occupied the attention of the Prussian Government for the past five years. After the visit of Prof. Bastian to the spot in 1876, Dr. Berendt, one of the first authorities in American archaeology, was com-missioned to explore the ruins. But, after a short time, he died from over-exposure; and his place was taken by Herr W. von Bergen, the German consul-general in Guatemala, who has at last succeeded in excavating the sculptures and shipping them to Germany.

THE monument that has been executed by the distinguished French sculptor, M. Barrias, in memory of the defence of St.-Quentin in the Franco-German War is to be inaugurated on October 8. The town is represented by M. Barrias as a woman holding a spinning-wheel in one hand, while with the other she sustains a National Guard. A little child by her side plays with the barrel of a gun. The pedestal has two bas-reliefs representing military and civil defence, surmounted by medallions of the two brave defenders of St.-Quentin-Gen. Faidherbe and M. Anatole della Forge.

In a note in the ACADEMY of August 27 (p. 169), Prof. Gaetano Milanesi, of Florence, was inadvertently spoken of as if dead. We are glad to learn from our esteemed Florence correspondent, Mr. C. Heath Wilson, that the Professor is perfectly well, "and long may he be so."

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THE BRIGHTON MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

"ORPHEONS" (or choral societies of male voices only), "Fanfares" (brass bands), and "Harmonies" (wood and brass) have been for many years established in France, Belgium, and Switzerland, principally among the working classes. Between thirty and forty of these contents are now during the past week to societies came over during the past week to Brighton to show their musical skill, and to compete for prizes—crowns, medals, wreaths, a gold watch, a silver inkstand, &c.—offered by some of the inhabitants of the town. The opening ceremony of this novel, interesting, and suggestive festival took place in the Dome last Tuesday morning. After the performance of God Save the Queen, the Marseillaise, and the Brabanconne, the Mayor of Brighton, president of the festival, bade a hearty welcome to the various choral and instrumental societies about to take part in the contests, concerts, about to take part in the contests, concerts, and fêtes. The mayor was accompanied on the platform by the mayoress, the vice-presidents (Mr. Alderman Lamb and Mr. W. Kuhe), the honorary secretary and general director (M. C. de la Grave), and many members of the "Jury des Concours"—Sir J. Benedict, Sir George Elvey, Signor Randegger, Mr. F. H. Cowen, Mr. F. Corder, M. Cressonnois (Chef de Musique de la Gendarmerie), &c. Sir J. Benedict made a capital impromptu speech in French, at the close of which he expressed a hope that the example set by the working classes of France would be emulated by workmen in England.

Immediately after the opening ceremony, the competitions of Harmonies and Fanfares commenced. They had to read a piece at sight, and to

play a piece of their own choosing. The sight-reading trial was held within closed doors, but we were permitted to witness one of these private performances at the Town Hall. The members of the jury sat at a table at one end of the room; the players entered at the opposite end, and ascended a platform. The conductor received from the hands of one of the jury the parts, and handed them to the players; and, after a few minutes, during which they were allowed to glance at the music, the order was given for the piece to be performed. Immediately afterwards, the parts were placed on the table, the players retired, and a fresh band was summoned and dealt with in the same fashion. We heard Le Montcalm, an allegro militaire by V. Pons, read off by three different societies.

On Wednesday there were the Choral and Harmonie contests. The order of proceedings was the same-viz., to read an exercise and perform pieces of their own choosing. On this

day, however, all the contests were public.

Even if space permitted, it would be impossible to give an account of all that took place at these examinations, for the competitions for the various prizes were going on at the same time in the Music and Banqueting Rooms of the Royal Pavilion, the Town Hall, and the Royal Aquarium. Some of the performances at the contests on Wednesday were extremely good, and the crowded rooms showed that the

public took great interest in the proceedings.

Two grand concerts were given at the Dome—
one on Tuesday evening, the other on Wednesday afternoon. Pieces were performed by selected choral and instrumental societies, and selected choral and instrumental societies, and songs were contributed by Mdme. Appia (from the Grand Opera, Paris), Mdme. Castillon (from the Conservatoire de Musique, Paris), and MM. Caron, Villaret, and Anguez (from the Grand Opera, Paris). The excellent singing of the solo vocalists was much appreciated, and most of the ensemble music received loud and well-deserved applause. On both occasions the order of programme was greatly altered, and some pieces were omitted. Much allowance, however, should be made on account of the difficulties connected with so great an undertaking. We would also note the non-appearance of M. C. Gounod, Président d'honneur du jury, and of M. Saint-Saëns, who d'honneur du jury, and of M. Saint-Saëns, who was to have appeared as a performer on the organ. A collection, amounting to £50, in aid of the Société La Ferte Alais, many of the members of which were killed in the dreadful railway accident near Paris as they were coming to the festival, was made at the Dome concert on Tuesday; and an extra concert in aid of the sufferers, under the direction of Mr. Kuhe,

was given on Thursday.

After the Dome performance on Wednesday, all the bands and choral societies formed in procession, and marched, with their trophy-laden banners, and headed by the Brighton fire brigade, from the Dome to the Skating Rink. After a performance there and a very brief Interval of rest, they again assembled in the Dome, where, in the presence of the mayor and mayoress, the members of the jury, president, and secretaries, &c., the prizes were distributed.

We regret that we cannot enter into more detail, for really could be said about the instrumental performances, and about the singing of some of the societies, especially with regard to quality of voices, intonation, and shading; but we must be content to give a list of the five societies to whom were awarded the greatest distinctions. They were as follow:— The Harmonie and the Symphonie of Châlons-sur-Marne (conductor, M. Boisson); the Chorale of Le Mans (conductor, M. Jacque); the Fan-fare of Chartres (conductor, M. Escudié); the Orchestra of Ixelles, in Belgium (conductor, M. Verbrugghen); and the Chorale of Abbeville (conductor, M. Grigny). J. S. SHEDLOCK.

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